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FOREWORD

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ABSTRACT

The phenomenology of two atmospheric high-explosive detonations were calculated theoretically. The first was a 20-short-ton spherical charge of TNT (loading density--1.56 gms/cc). The second was a methane-oxygen mixture (mole ratio 1 to 1.5) contained in a 55-ft-radius balloon. Both detonations took place at an altitude of 670 meters (ambient pressure 13.6 psi) with a reflecting surface 85 feet below burst point. The calculations, taken out to 300 milliseconds after detonations, were performed by using SAP, a one-dimensional Lagrangian hydrodynamic code and SHELL-OIL, a two-dimensional pure Eulerian hydrodynamic code. Volume II of this report contains the details of the results in graphical form. Included are pressure and density contours, velocity vector plots, and wave forms for 19 test stations.

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## SECTION I

### INTRODUCTION

The Air Force Weapons Laboratory is engaged in a series of theoretical calculations of the phenomenology of atmospheric nuclear weapon detonations. These calculations are based chiefly upon a series of large computer codes, to enable prediction from essentially first principles, of the phenomenology from microseconds to minutes after a detonation. The purpose of this undertaking is to provide a best theoretical picture of the phenomenology of atmospheric detonations for use in radar and re-entry vehicle vulnerability studies.

Three main codes are used in this program: SPUTTER, a one-dimensional radiation transport Lagrangian hydrodynamic code; SAP, a one-dimensional Lagrangian hydrodynamic code; and SHELL, a two-dimensional Eulerian hydrodynamic code. The first, SPUTTER, takes the radiative output directly from weapons design calculations, deposits the energy in air, and calculates the radiative and hydrodynamic growth of the fireball to a time of about one second. It uses a multi-frequency transport scheme involving typically 20 frequency groups. The output of this code is used as input to SAP, which calculates the hydrodynamic expansion of the shock wave at various angles to the horizontal. This calculation can proceed to great distances so that even the shock on the ground can be estimated, but it is chiefly important in the strong-shock region of interest in R/V vulnerability. The output of SPUTTER is also used as input to SHELL, which calculates fireball growth and rise to late times. The output of these codes is processed to give the desired observables such as pressure, temperature, and velocity.

The first shot so calculated was BLUEGILL, a high-altitude detonation of the DOMINIC-FISHBOWL nuclear test series. This particular shot was chosen because of the extremely fine field data available on it. The calculation, completed and reported (Ref 1 and 2), agreed with the field data to within experimental error and so has given considerable confidence in these codes to simulate atmospheric detonations.

In support of DISTANT PLAIN pre-shot planning, SAP and SHELL were modified to calculate the phenomenology of atmospheric HE detonations. A "burn" routine was included in SAP to provide the initial conditions for the calculation of

Hydrodynamic shock growth. Besides providing the initial conditions and pressure-distance curves, output from SAP was also used as input to SHELL, which calculated the two-dimensional phenomena such as shock reflection, mach stem formation, and triple-point path.

There were two calculations each with a different energy source. The first was a 32-short-ton spherical charge of TNT detonated at a height of 26 meters which was 670 meters above sea level. The second was a 23.2-short-ton spherical charge of methane-oxygen mixed in a mole ratio of 1 to 1.5 detonated at the same height as the TNT.

Both calculations were run on SAP and SHELL, using SAP output as initial conditions for the SHELL calculation. The main features of the output are compared in as great detail as possible, and the hydrodynamic quantities are plotted for a large number of times in Volume II.

## SECTION II

### THE SAP CODE

SAP is a one-dimensional Lagrangian hydrodynamic code. It gets its name (Spherical Air PUFF) from another AFWL one-dimensional Lagrangian hydrodynamic code, PUFF (Ref 3 and 4) from which it evolved. PUFF in turn evolved from the LRL, Livermore, SHARP program. (Ref 5.)

SAP is not a general one-dimensional code but has been specialized to problems of atmospheric blast in order to increase its speed and accuracy. Written in the spherical coordinate system, it can calculate hydrodynamic shocks at any angle to the horizontal. It has a capability of over 1000 zones and is normally run without an automatic rezone. The mesh is rezoned periodically, combining zones "by hand" when necessary.

Other features of SAP are:

a. Radiation loss is possible, i.e., a certain amount of energy may be removed from every zone, each cycle, by a subroutine that determines the emission rate as a function of internal energy and density. (For the calculations reported here, this option was not used.)

b. A "continuous burn" routine based on Chapman-Jouguet theory was developed for SAP. This routine provides the conditions existing in the gaseous explosive products at the instant the detonation wave reaches the surface of the explosive charge. Such conditions provide more realistic starting conditions for the blast calculation than an isothermal sphere, which is more appropriate as a starting condition for a simulated nuclear burst calculation.

c. Shocks are calculated in the Von Neumann-Richtmeyer manner. SAP contains provisions for the use of a linear and or quadratic artificial viscosity.

d. SAP uses a real atmosphere that is stable under an  $R^{-2}$  gravity field, and an equation of state for air that is an empirical fit to Hilsenrath's data (Ref 6 and 7).

The equations solved in SAP are the partial differential equations for nonviscous, nonconducting compressible fluid flow written in Lagrangian form. These equations, including the equation of state are:

Mass

$$\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\right)_{x_0} + \rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_t = 0 \quad (1)$$

Momentum

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)_{x_0} + \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)_t = g \quad (2)$$

Energy

$$\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}\right)_{x_0} + p \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}\right)_{x_0} = s \quad (3)$$

Equation of State

$$p = p(\rho, I) \quad (4)$$

where  $\rho$  = density in gms/cm<sup>3</sup>

$u$  = velocity in cm/sec

$p$  = pressure in dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>

$I$  = specific internal energy in ergs/gm

$V$  = specific volume in cm<sup>3</sup>/gm

$= 1/\rho$

$s$  = energy source in ergs/gm/sec

$x$  = Eulerian coordinate in cm (position of a point of fluid relative to some external reference frame)

$x_0$  = Lagrangian coordinate (permanent label attached to each moving point of fluid)

$g$  = acceleration due to some external body force in cm/sec<sup>2</sup> (e.g. gravity)

$t$  = time in seconds

and where the subscripts above denote what is being held constant in each derivative.

The finite difference approximations to the above equations, as used in SAP, are obtained in the usual manner. The fluid is divided into a mesh of fluid elements. Pressures, densities, and specific internal energies are defined at zone centers. Velocities and positions are defined at zone boundaries. See figure 1.

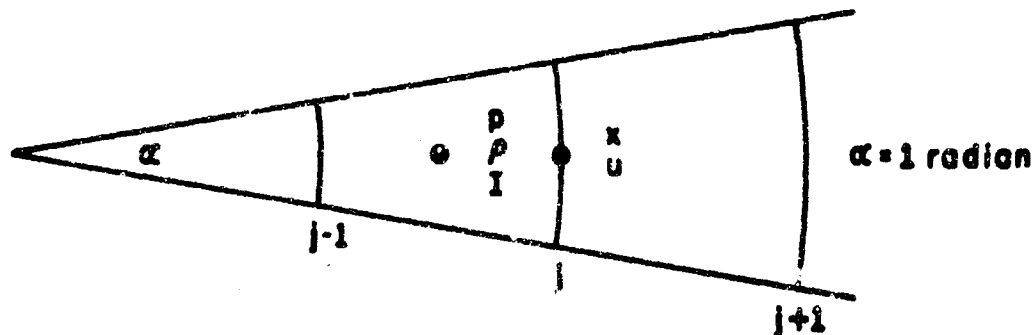


Figure 1. The SAP Mesh.

The finite difference equations are explicit time and space centered equations. The time centering is achieved in an explicit scheme by defining the velocity and coordinates of the mesh points a half cycle apart in time. The finite difference equations are written:

Momentum

$$u_j^{(n+1/2)} = u_j^{(n-1/2)} + \left[ \frac{(p_{j-1/2}^{(n)} - p_{j+1/2}^{(n)}) + (q_{j-1/2}^{(n-1/2)} - q_{j+1/2}^{(n-1/2)})}{1/2 [\rho_{j-1/2}^{(n)} (x_j^{(n)} - x_{j-1}^{(n)}) + \rho_{j+1/2}^{(n)} (x_{j+1}^{(n)} - x_j^{(n)})]} + g \right] \cdot \frac{\Delta t^{(n+1/2)} + \Delta t^{(n-1/2)}}{2} \quad (5)$$

Transformation

$$x_j^{(n+1)} = x_j^{(n)} + u_j^{(n+1/2)} \Delta t^{(n+1/2)} \quad (6)$$

Continuity

$$\rho_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} = \frac{\rho_{j-1/2}^{(0)} [(x_j^{(0)})^3 - (x_{j-1}^{(0)})^3]}{(x_j^{(n+1)})^3 - (x_{j-1}^{(n+1)})^3} \quad (7)$$

Energy

$$I_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} = I_{j-1/2}^{(n)} - \frac{p_2 + p_{j-1/2}^{(n)} + 2q_{j-1/2}^{(n+1/2)}}{2 - \frac{p_1 - p_2}{p_{j-1/2}^{(n)}}} (v_j^{(n+1)} - v_j^{(n)}) + s_{j-1/2}^{(n+1/2)} \Delta t^{(n+1/2)} \quad (8)$$

Equation of State

$$p_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} = p(\rho_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)}, I_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)}) \quad (9)$$

where the energy equation is the simultaneous solution of the first law of thermodynamics,

$$I^{(n+1)} = I^{(n)} - 1/2 (p^{(n+1)} + p^{(n)}) dV \quad (10)$$

and the equation of state,

$$p^{(n+1)} = p(\rho^{(n+1)}, I^{(n+1)}) \quad (11)$$

and where

$$p_2 = p(\rho^{(n+1)}, I^{(n)}) \quad (12)$$

$$p_1 = p(\rho^{(n+1)}, I^{(n)} - p^{(n)} dV) \quad (13)$$

See reference 4.

The artificial viscosity term is given by

$$q = \begin{cases} \rho \Delta u (-c_1 c_s + (c_0)^2 \Delta u) & \text{if } \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \leq 0 \\ & \text{and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} > 0 \\ & \text{or } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

which in finite difference form becomes

$$q_{j-1/2}^{(n+1/2)} = \rho_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} \left( u_j^{(n+1/2)} - u_{j-1}^{(n+1/2)} \right) \left[ -c_1 c_{s_{j-1/2}}^{(n)} + c_0^2 \left( u_j^{(n+1/2)} - u_{j-1}^{(n+1/2)} \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

$$\text{if } \left( v_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} - v_{j-1/2}^{(n)} \right) \leq 0 \text{ and } \left( u_j^{(n+1/2)} - u_{j-1}^{(n+1/2)} \right) < 0$$

$$\text{and } q_{j-1/2}^{(n+1/2)} = 0$$

$$\text{if } \left( v_{j-1/2}^{(n+1)} - v_{j-1/2}^{(n)} \right) > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \left( u_j^{(n+1/2)} - u_{j-1}^{(n+1/2)} \right) \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

where  $c_s$  is the local sound speed,  $c_1$  is the coefficient of linear viscosity ( $= 0.5$ ),  $c_0$  is the coefficient of quadratic viscosity ( $= 1.8$ ). The subscripts ( $j$ 's) above are the Lagrangian coordinates and the superscripts ( $n$ 's) refer to time such that  $t^{(n+1)} = t^{(n)} + \Delta t^{(n+1/2)}$ .

The SAP calculation advances explicitly in steps or cycles. That is, the zone quantities are calculated for the next time in terms of those at the present time. The order of calculation proceeds in the same sequence as the finite difference equations are presented:

- a. A time step is calculated such that  $\Delta t^{(n+1/2)}$  is the minimum of all

$$\frac{x_j - x_{j-1}}{2c_1 c_s + 2c_0^2 |\Delta u| + c_s} \text{ and } \Delta t^{(n-1/2)} \text{ (Ref 3)}$$

- b. The momentum equation is solved.
- c. Transformation is accomplished.
- d.  $q^{(n+1/2)}$ 's are calculated.
- e. The energy equation is solved.
- f.  $p^{(n+1)}$ 's are calculated.
- g. Edits are performed if desired.

SAP being a Lagrangian code enjoys all the advantages and suffers all the disadvantages characteristic of Lagrangian codes. Fine resolution is possible, since those regions requiring fine resolution retain their fine zoning since the coordinate system moves with the fluid. For this reason fine resolution is found in shock regions. However this is at the expense of resolution in rarefaction regions. The motion of material interfaces is also closely followed, since coordinate lines can be placed along them and will forever follow them.

#### Burn

The phenomenon of detonation from the time of its discovery, has been theoretically treated on the basis of shock-wave theory. Earliest observations of this phenomenon found that the fundamental property of detonations is that the detonation wave, for a given initial state of explosive substance or mixture, is propagated through that substance or mixture with a constant velocity. This property has been explained by Chapman and Jouguet whose work has resulted in a hydrodynamic theory of detonation.

Starting with the experimental fact that detonation is a stable and stationary process (being sustained by the energy of chemical reaction), they have shown that the detonation velocity is the minimum of all possible velocities for stationary conditions of propagation of a chemical reaction by a shock wave. That state, corresponding to the minimum value of velocity, has several interesting properties: the entropy has a minimum value on the Hugoniot curve and a maximum on the straight line in the  $p$ - $v$  plane, which joins the corresponding point to the initial point,  $p_0, v_0$ . The detonation velocity in this state is equal to the sum of the velocity of the burned gas and the velocity of sound in the burned gas.

Therefore, based on the above properties of a Chapman-Jouguet detonation, a "burn" routine was written for SAP. Two methods of "burn" were used, both of which gave excellent results. In the first, the theoretical detonation velocity and the energy released per gram of explosive substance are entered as input numbers. Then

$$R^{(n+1)} = R^{(n)} + D\Delta t^{(n+1/2)} \quad (17)$$

and

$$\Delta I = \left[ \left( R^{(n+1)} \right)^3 - \left( R^{(n)} \right)^3 \right] \rho_k^{(n+1)} Q \quad (18)$$

where  $R$  = radius of the detonation wave in cm

$D$  = detonation velocity in cm/sec

$\Delta t$  = time step in sec

$\Delta I$  = energy released during the time step in ergs

$\rho$  = density of the cell which is currently being "burned" in gms/cm<sup>3</sup>

$k$  = index of cell currently being "burned"

$Q$  = energy liberated during detonation in ergs/gm

In the second method only the energy released per gram of explosive substance detonated is entered as an input number. When the transformation calculation is performed the radius of the detonation wave is similarly updated:

$$\dot{R} = R^{(n)} + \left[ \frac{u_{k-1}^{(n+1/2)}}{x_k^{(n+1)} - x_{k-1}^{(n)}} + \frac{u_k^{(n+1/2)} - u_{k-1}^{(n+1/2)}}{x_k^{(n+1)} - x_{k-1}^{(n)}} \left( R^{(n)} - x_{k-1}^{(n+1)} \right) \right] \Delta t^{(n+1/2)} \quad (19)$$

Then the new radius of the detonation wave and the energy released is calculated:



$$R^{(n+1)} = \bar{R} + cs\Delta t^{(n+1/2)} \quad (20)$$

$$\Delta I = \left[ \left( R^{(n+1)} \right)^3 - \bar{R}^3 \right] \rho_k^{(n+1)} Q \quad (21)$$

where  $cs$  is the sound speed in the burned gas.

Therefore, the sequence of calculations with "burn" becomes:

- a. Calculate  $t^{(n+1/2)}$
- b. Solve the momentum equation for all  $u_j^{(n+1/2)}$
- c. Update the Eulerian coordinates:  $x_j^{(n+1)} = x_j^{(n)} + u_j^{(n+1/2)} t^{(n+1/2)}$
- d. Calculate  $R$  as shown above if method 2 "burn" is used.
- e. Calculate the new radius of detonation wave.
- f. Calculate energy released due to the detonation of material in this time cycle and add the energy to the cell.
- g. Solve the energy equation.
- h. Calculate the new pressures from the equation of state.
- i. Go to a and begin next cycle.

This sequence is followed until all the explosive matter has been detonated. Then the calculation becomes a "pure" hydrodynamic calculation.

## SECTION III

## THE SHELL CODE

SHELL is a versatile two-dimensional hydrodynamic code. It can be used to solve problems in any medium whose motions can be analyzed on the basis of inviscid hydrodynamic behavior of a cylindrically symmetric, compressible fluid. Some typical problems are: hypervelocity impact, cratering, vehicle re-entry, and detonations, underground, underwater, and in the atmosphere. A model and an equation of state for the medium of the problem are required by the code.

The Air Force Weapons Laboratory has two versions of the SHELL code. Both were developed at General Atomic by B. E. Freeman and W. E. Johnson primarily for hypervelocity impact calculations. The codes were modified at AFWL to calculate fireball rise and expansion.

The first and older of the two, SHELL-PIC, uses the Particle-in-Cell Method, developed by F. H. Harlow (Ref 8) at Los Alamos in 1955, to solve the hydrodynamic equations. The second, SHELL-OIL, is a continuous version of SHELL-PIC. Since early 1963, development of SHELL-OIL has been continued by J. M. Walsh and W. E. Johnson.

SHELL-PIC and SHELL-OIL have been in use at AFWL since 1961 and 1964, respectively.

In the following pages only SHELL-OIL will be described, since it was used in the calculations reported here.

The equations solved in SHELL are the partial differential equations for nonviscous, nonconducting compressible fluid flow. These equations, including the equation of state are:

Mass

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad (22)$$

Momentum

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \vec{u} + \nabla p + \rho \nabla \phi = 0 \quad (23)$$

Energy

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \right) E + \nabla \cdot p \vec{u} + \rho \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0 \quad (24)$$

Equation of State

$$p = p(\rho, I) \quad (25)$$

where  $\rho \equiv$  density in gms/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 $\vec{u} \equiv$  velocity in cm/sec  
 $p \equiv$  pressure in dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 $E \equiv$  specific total energy in ergs/gm  
 $= I + 1/2 u^2$   
 $I \equiv$  specific internal energy in ergs/gm  
 $t \equiv$  time in sec  
 $\phi \equiv$  potential of external force field in ergs/gm

#### a. SHELL-OIL

SHELL-OIL is a one material, pure Eulerian code. It solves the hydrodynamic equations by dividing the region occupied by the fluid into a mesh of fixed cells. The fluid is then described at any instant of time by specifying the velocity, density, and internal energy for each cell. These values are considered to be known at the center of each cell and constant over it. This forced homogeneity of the cell introduces a false diffusion, one disadvantage of Eulerian codes.

Other disadvantages of SHELL-OIL are the general inability of Eulerian codes to resolve fine detail moving with the fluid, since the mesh is fixed in space and the inability to follow material interfaces. However, Eulerian codes enjoy the major advantage of being able to solve the hydrodynamic equations even in the presence of large fluid distortions.

To begin a SHELL-OIL calculation, the problem must first be generated by CLAM, the generator code for SHELL. CLAM sets up the mesh, giving each cell dimensions and the following quantities: a radial and an axial velocity component, a mass, and a specific internal energy.

The cell quantities are derived from data entered in groups of packages. These data include the type of material, dimensions, velocity components, density, and specific internal energy of the package. To describe as many geometries and energy, density and velocity distributions as possible, CLAM places  $N^2$  particles into each cell, where  $1 \leq N \leq 20$  and is also included in the package data. Each cell is divided into  $N^2$  equal parts, and a particle is placed at the center of each area. Taking this package data, a fit assigns each particle two velocity components, a density and a specific internal energy. Then the mass of each particle is computed: the density times the volume of that part of the cell containing the particle. The mass of the cell is the sum of the masses of all the particles in the cell. Both momentum components are calculated as the sum of the individual momentum components of each particle in the cell. The internal energy of each

cell is the sum of the internal energies of all the particles in the cell. Finally, these cell quantities are converted to two velocity components and specific internal energy.

The geometries available in CLAM are: rectangle, triangle, ellipse, perturbed ellipse and circle. These geometries are in the r-z plane and take their 3-dimensional counterparts upon rotation about the z-axis.

After all packages have been processed, CLAM puts all cell dimensions and quantities on tape. (If CLAM were generating the problem for a SHELL-PIC calculation, the coordinates and masses of each particle would also be written on this tape.) This output provides the starting conditions for the SHELL calculation.

Since SHELL-OIL is a one material code, an option to insert massless trace particles into the problem has been included in CLAM at AFWL. The purpose of these trace particles is to follow the detailed motion of a labeled material, to simulate the motion of a Lagrangian interface, or both. Therefore, the CLAM output also includes the coordinates of these trace particles on tape in addition to the cell quantities and dimensions for a SHELL-OIL calculation. These trace particles do not affect the hydrodynamics in any manner.

The SHELL calculation advances explicitly in steps or cycles. That is, the cell quantities are calculated for time  $t + \Delta t$  in terms of those at time  $t$ . The solution of the hydrodynamic equations is divided into two phases. In the first, the Eulerian field functions are updated considering pressure effects alone, while neglecting material transport due to fluid motion. In the second phase, continuous mass flow across cell boundaries, new cell densities, velocities, and specific internal energies are calculated. Mass, momentum, and total energy are conserved. If mass flows out of the mesh, an automatic rezoning increases the size of the mesh.

There are three time control conditions that govern the time step,  $\Delta t$ . They are:

- a. The courant condition
- b. The maximum of  $|\frac{u}{\Delta r}|$  and  $|\frac{v}{\Delta z}| < \frac{1}{\Delta t}$
- c. A negative time step option

The first two conditions prohibit the transmission of a signal or mass across more than one cell in one time interval. This requirement is imposed by considerations of stability of the finite difference equations (Ref 8). The third condition will be discussed below.

After a time step has been determined, SHELL performs the first phase of the hydrodynamic calculation where the Eulerian description of the fluid is advanced. This is done according to a finite difference approximation to the hydrodynamic equations, Eq 22, 23, and 24.

Conservation of mass (Eq 22) is automatically satisfied by the fluid model. Mass, which leaves one cell, enters another and the change in mass is accordingly subtracted from the donor cell and added to the receiver cell. Mass is neither created nor destroyed.

Conservation of momentum and energy, (Eq 23 and 24), is treated as follows: the first phase considers the fluid at rest and determines only the contribution of the pressure terms to the time derivative. Therefore, the transport term (second term on the left-hand side) of each equation is dropped. Since the hydrodynamic quantities are defined at the cell centers, the equations in finite difference form become:

#### Momentum

$$\dot{u}_k = u_k^{(n)} + \frac{1}{\rho_k^{(n)}} \frac{PL^{(n)} - PR^{(n)}}{\Delta r} \Delta t \quad (26)$$

$$\dot{v}_k = v_k^{(n)} + \frac{1}{\rho_k^{(n)}} \frac{PB^{(n)} - PA^{(n)}}{\Delta z} \Delta t \quad (27)$$

#### Energy

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{I}_k = I_k^{(n)} + \frac{P_k^{(n)}}{\rho_k^{(n)}} & \left[ \frac{VB^{(n)} - VA^{(n)} + \dot{v}_B - \dot{v}_A}{\Delta z} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{2}{r_i + r_{i-1}} \frac{UL^{(n)} - UR^{(n)} + \dot{u}_L - \dot{u}_R}{\Delta r} \right] \frac{\Delta t}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where

$$PL = \frac{P_k + P_{kL}}{2} \quad PR = \frac{P_k + P_{kR}}{2}$$

$$PB = \frac{P_k + P_{kB}}{2} \quad PA = \frac{P_k + P_{kA}}{2}$$

$$VB = \frac{v_k + v_{kB}}{2} \quad VA = \frac{v_k + v_{kA}}{2}$$

$$UL = \frac{u_k(r_i + r_{i-1}) + u_{kL}(r_{i-1} + r_{i-2})}{4}$$

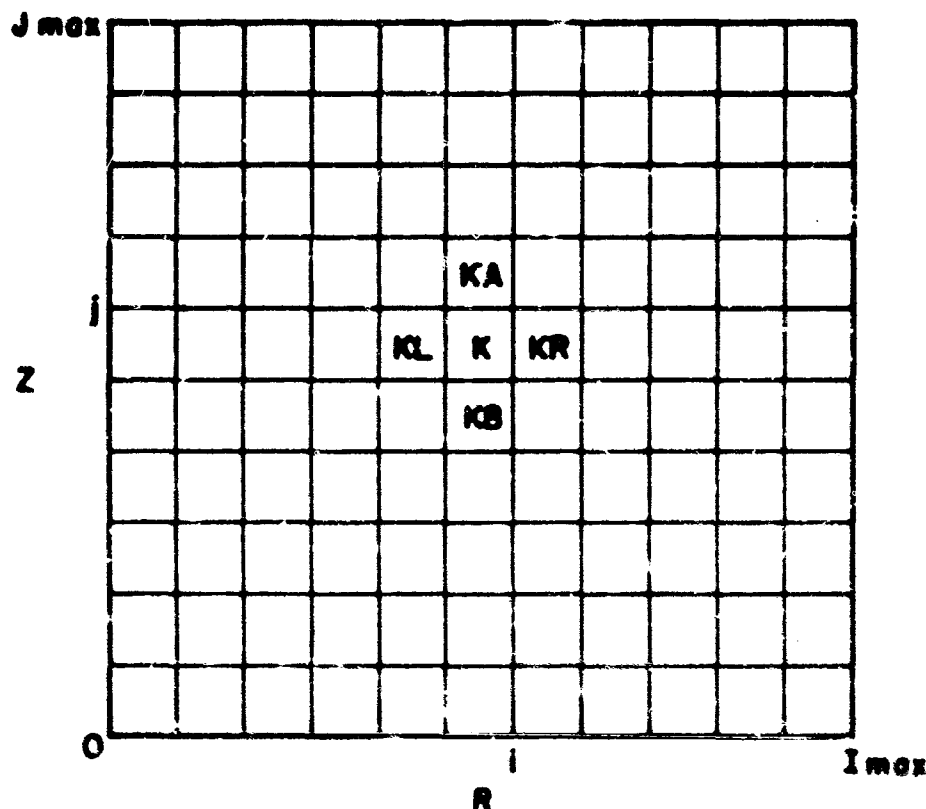
$$UR = \frac{u_k(r_i + r_{i-1}) + u_{kR}(r_{i+1} + r_i)}{4}$$

and  $k$  is the index of the cell center and  $i$  is the index of the right-hand boundary of cell  $k$ . See figure 2.

Two passes, in succession, are made through the first phase of calculation of each cycle. In the first pass, tentative new values of velocity are calculated

for a full time step. The internal energy is updated by half a time step, using the old velocities. In the second pass, the internal energy is updated another half-time step, using the tentative new velocities calculated in the first pass. The energy equation is treated in this fashion, as proposed by Harlow (Ref 8), from considerations of stability as well as greatest accuracy in the behavior of fluid entropy. The energy of the system is conserved identically, even in the finite difference approach.

In both passes, the internal energy is checked to see if the updated value has become negative. If it has, an option exists to integrate back to the original configuration of the fluid at the beginning of the cycle by using the negative  $\Delta t$ . Then the integration goes forward again with a smaller  $\Delta t$  which has been calculated and which will keep the internal energy positive.



1 is the right boundary of cell k

j is the top boundary of cell k

kA is the cell above cell k

etc.

Figure 2. The SHELL Mesh.

In the second phase of the hydrodynamic calculation, continuous mass transport is calculated according to the equation for the conservation of mass, which in finite difference form is:

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta t} = \left[ \frac{r_{1-1/2}^{(0)} u_{1-1} - r_{1-1/2}^{(1)} u_1}{\Delta r} + \frac{r_{1-1}^{(0)} v_{1-1} - r_{1-1}^{(1)} v_1}{\Delta z} \right] \quad (29)$$

This can be rewritten to the following form, which is used by the code,

$$M_k^{(n+1)} = M_k^{(n)} + \pi \Delta t \left[ \left( r_1^2 - r_{1-1}^2 \right) \left( \bar{v}_B \rho_B - \bar{v}_T \rho_T \right) + 2 \Delta z \left( r_{1-1} \bar{u}_L \rho_L - r_1 \bar{u}_R \rho_R \right) \right] \quad (30)$$

Where  $\bar{v}_B \rho_B \equiv$  mass flux across bottom face of cell K

$\bar{v}_T \rho_T \equiv$  mass flux across top face of cell K

$\bar{u}_L \rho_L \equiv$  mass flux across left face of cell K

$\bar{u}_R \rho_R \equiv$  mass flux across right face of cell K

and where the densities are those of the donor cells and the velocities are

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1/2 (\bar{v}_M + \bar{v}_K)}{1 + \left( \bar{v}_M - \bar{v}_K \right) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z}}$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1/2 (\bar{u}_M + \bar{u}_K)}{1 + \left( \bar{u}_M - \bar{u}_K \right) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta r}}$$

where M signifies the index of the donor cell. The velocity weighing scheme used above is one that ensures stability in regions behind a shock front (Ref 9).

When mass transport is being calculated for a given cell, the transfer at the left and bottom faces is already available from the previous column sweep and cell below, respectively. Therefore, for a particular cell, the mass transport is calculated for the top and right faces only. After the masses transferred at all faces of a cell have been determined, the momenta and the total specific energy associated with these masses are computed. Then, by conserving both axial and radial momentum, the new velocities are calculated. The total energy carried by the transported masses is subtracted from the donor cell and added to the receiver cell. Then, by conserving total energy, the new internal energy of each cell is the difference between the new total energy and the new kinetic energy. The new specific internal energy is the new internal energy divided by the new mass.

$$M_k^{(n+1)} = M_k^{(n)} + \Delta M_B + \Delta M_L - \Delta M_T - \Delta M_R \quad (31)$$

$$v_k^{(n+1)} = \frac{M_k^{(n)} v_k^{(n)} + \Delta M_B v_M + \Delta M_L v_M - \Delta M_T v_M - \Delta M_R v_M}{M_k^{(n+1)}} \quad (32)$$

$$u_k^{(n+1)} = \frac{M_k^{(n)} u_k^{(n)} + \Delta M_B u_M + \Delta M_L u_M - \Delta M_T u_M - \Delta M_R u_M}{M_k^{(n+1)}} \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
i_k^{(n+1)} = & \left\{ M_k^{(n)} \left[ i_k + 1/2(u_k^2 + v_k^2) \right] + \Delta M_B \left[ i_M + 1/2(u_M^2 + v_M^2) \right] \right. \\
& + \Delta M_T \left[ i_M + 1/2(u_M^2 + v_M^2) \right] - \Delta M_T \left[ i_M + 1/2(u_M^2 + v_M^2) \right] \\
& \left. - \Delta M_R \left[ i_M + 1/2(u_M^2 + v_M^2) \right] \right\} / M_k^{(n+1)}
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Where:  $\Delta M_B$ ,  $\Delta M_L$ ,  $\Delta M_T$ , and  $\Delta M_R$  are the masses, in gms transferred across the bottom, left, top, and right faces of cell K, respectively, and where the quantities enclosed in brackets and subscripted by M are the specific total energies of the donor cells. The above are the final values of velocity, mass, and specific internal energy for the cycle.

If any mass leaves the top, right, or bottom\* boundaries, that mass and the associated energy are subtracted from the total mass and energy of the system respectively. If the mass leaving the mesh is a certain percentage of the mass of the cell from which it left, a flag is set to rezone the system. Additional flags are also set to indicate whether the top, bottom, and right boundaries, or any combination of these three, of the mesh have been crossed.

The automatic rezone for SHELL-OIL has been developed at AFWL. In rezone, a predetermined number of columns and or rows, depending whether the top, bottom, and or right boundaries have been crossed, are deleted. The remaining cells are expanded in size to fill the original geometry of the mesh. The mass of each expanded cell is the sum of the masses of those portions of the original cells which make up the new cell. By conserving momentum and total energy, new velocities and internal energies of the new cells are calculated. Then the same number of columns, rows, or both, that have previously been deleted are now added to the mesh thus regaining the original number of cells. Ambient conditions are given to these added cells. The calculation is then resumed.

The calculation of mass transport in SHELL-OIL has another feature that removes preferential transfer caused by initial choice of indexing. If the mass

\* There is also an option for a reflective bottom boundary as was used in the calculation reported here.



out the top and right would remove more than the mass in the cell, the code recalculates new mass transfer by a weighing procedure. The  $\Delta M_R$  would be its fraction of the total mass out times the mass of the cell and  $\Delta M_T$  would be its fraction of the total mass out times the mass of the cell. That is,

$$\Delta M_T = \frac{\Delta M_T}{\Delta M_T + \Delta M_R} \left( M_K^{(n)} + \Delta M_L + \Delta M_B \right) \quad (35)$$

$$\Delta M_R = \frac{\Delta M_R}{\Delta M_T + \Delta M_R} \left( M_K^{(n)} + \Delta M_L + \Delta M_B \right) \quad (36)$$

In this calculation  $\Delta M_L$  and  $\Delta M_B$  are considered zero if they are flowing into cell K so that the maximum mass that could flow out the top and right is  $M_K^{(n)}$ . However if  $\Delta M_L$  and  $\Delta M_B$  are flowing out of cell K, the cell is committed to deliver this mass and so the maximum mass that can flow out the top and right is  $M_K^{(n)} + \Delta M_L + \Delta M_B$  (where  $\Delta M_L$  and  $\Delta M_B$  are negative signifying flow in negative direction).

After the final velocities for the cycle have been determined for all the cells in the mass transport phase of the calculation, trace particle movement is calculated. The trace particles play no part in the hydrodynamics of the system but are merely moved to new positions according to

$$x = x_0 + u \Delta t \quad (37)$$

$$y = y_0 + v \Delta t \quad (38)$$

The velocities used to move each particle are the local velocities at the location of the trace particle. They have values which are interpolated between the velocities of the cells whose centers surround the particle. The velocities are obtained by assuming a rectangle with the same dimensions as a cell to be located around the particle. This imaginary cell overlaps from one to four mesh cells, depending on the position of the particle in the mesh cell. Then the interpolated velocity is calculated as the weighted average of the cell velocities, the weighing being proportional to the overlap areas. Hence the motion of the trace particles follows the motion of material, or a Lagrangian interface, depending on how the particles were originally placed in the problem, and gives a picture of the flow pattern. After all trace particles have been moved, the calculations for the cycle have been completed, and the next cycle begins with the determination of a new time step.

## b. Stability

The Eulerian equations used in the first phase of the calculation are unstable, since they do not contain the dissipative mechanism necessary for a finite difference technique to calculate shocks. Since shocks appear as mathematical surfaces on which such fluid properties as density, pressure, internal energy, and entropy have discontinuities, suitable boundary conditions (those provided by the Rankine-Hugoniot equations) are needed to connect the values of the above quantities on both sides of the shock. However, Von Neumann and Richtmeyer, (Ref 10), have shown that the hydrodynamic equations can be straightforwardly solved by numerical methods if an artificial dissipative term is introduced. This term smears the shock so that the surface of discontinuity is replaced by a thin layer in which the above quantities vary rapidly but continuously. Hence, the numerical calculation proceeds as if there were no shock at all and at the same time satisfying the Rankine-Hugoniot conditions.

The instability of the calculations in the first phase introduces the main source of energy loss in the entire calculation. However, stable calculations can be made by SIKEL, since errors introduced in the second phase have the effect of smoothing out the discontinuities.

Harlow (Ref 8) has shown that the treatment of mass movement in the second phase of the calculation produces dissipative effects that give stability to the calculation. He demonstrated this by expanding the difference equations in a Taylor series about some central space and time. The result was the original differential equations plus some additional terms that, in lowest order, have the appearance of true viscous and heat conduction terms. Hence they are called the effective viscosity and effective heat conduction.

Conservation of Mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (39)$$

Conservation of Momentum--r direction

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \lambda_u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \lambda_v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad (40)$$

Conservation of Momentum--z direction

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \lambda_u \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \lambda_v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (41)$$

Conservation of Energy

$$\begin{aligned}
& \rho \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial I}{\partial r} + v \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} \right) + p \left[ \frac{\partial(ru)}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right] \\
& = \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} \left( r \lambda_u \frac{\partial I}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \lambda_v \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} \right) + \lambda_u \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right] \\
& + \lambda_v \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_u &= 1/2 \rho |u| \Delta r \\
\lambda_v &= 1/2 \rho |v| \Delta z
\end{aligned}$$

However, Bjork (Ref 11) has shown that any attempt to relate the terms appearing on the right-hand side of the equations above to distinct physical effects leads to many contradictions. Some are: the "effective viscosity" terms contain symmetric and antisymmetric elements; the origin of the symmetric elements is not viscous in nature; the presence of the antisymmetric elements just adds confusion to any attempted representation; the terms do not leave the flow equations in an invariant form; a heat conduction law is implied where heat flow is proportional to the gradient of specific internal energy rather than of temperature. Moreover, the values of these terms far exceed the magnitude of the analogous physical terms. Therefore, these terms cannot be thought of as anything except errors, but they do make SHELL a practical code.

The form of the effective viscosity suggests another limitation of the SHELL code. Since the viscous effects are proportional to the local mean fluid speed, in regions of low fluid speed the viscosity will become ineffective and the instabilities of the difference equation will cause an exponential growth of any perturbations to the solution. But as the velocities increase and become comparable to the local sound speed, the viscosity again takes effect to limit further growth of instability. Hence, the instability is bounded and calculations can be made. This effective viscosity is the main source of entropy production in the calculation.

## SECTION IV

### THE CALCULATION

The calculations reported here were performed on the CDC-6600 computer. Code development, calculation, and output analysis (plotting) required approximately 100 hours of computer time.

#### 1. SAP-TNT

The SAP-TNT calculation was taken from 0 to 0.534 second. Initially, 800 zones were used. The first zone had a  $\Delta r$  of 0.12 cm, and the other 799 had  $\Delta r$  of 0.5 cm. The first 327 zones were TNT (32 short tons\*). The initial conditions were: density--1.56 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>, internal energy--0, velocity--0. Beyond these 327 zones, the remaining zones were the ambient atmosphere (670 meters altitude).

"Burn" method 1, as described previously, was used to detonate the TNT. The detonation velocity (corresponding to a loading density of 1.56 gms/cm<sup>3</sup>) used was  $6.81 \times 10^5$  cm/sec. The energy released per gram of TNT detonated was  $4.264 \times 10^{10}$  ergs/gm (Ref 12).

The LSZK equation of state for the detonation products of TNT (Ref 12) was used for the TNT zones that were "burned." For the unburned TNT, a compressional equation of state, which is an analytical fit to the Hugoniot for solid explosives, was used.

#### 2. TNT-SHELL

SAP results at 6.62 milliseconds were scaled to 20 short tons of TNT and used as input for the SHELL calculation. As a result of scaling, the SHELL starting time became 5.66 milliseconds. The SAP values for density, specific internal energy and velocity were fitted into the two-dimensional SHELL mesh containing a real (1962 standard) atmosphere.

A mesh 156 cells in the z-direction and 142 cells in the r-direction for a total of 22,152 cells was established. All cells except the bottom row of 142 cells comprised the active mesh. Each cell in the bottom row was 644 meters high and 30 cm wide. Each cell in the active mesh was a 30-cm square.

\*This particular charge was chosen to save calculation time, since it was directly applicable to a proposed surface detonation of a hemispherical charge of 20 tons of TNT (assuming 20 percent energy loss to the ground) and scalable to Distant Plain event one.

Therefore, the overall mesh extended from sea-level to an altitude of 690.5 meters and out to a radius of 42.6 meters; and the active portion of the mesh from 644 meters (ground-level) to an altitude of 690.5 meters and out to a radius of 42.6 meters. The bottom boundary (ground-level at 644 meters) was reflective; whereas, the top and right boundaries were transmissive and thus subject to rezone in their respective directions. The left boundary ( $r = 0$ ) was the axis of symmetry.

Data were entered into CLAM in two packages, each of which generated 25 particles per cell for the sole purpose of fitting the data into the SHELL mesh. The first package fitted the ambient atmosphere into the active mesh with the exception of those cells contained in a sphere whose center was on the z-axis at an altitude of 670 meters and whose radius was 16.55 meters. Into these cells the second package fitted the SAP results of velocity, density, and internal energy at 6.62 milliseconds (5.66 ms scaled).

Trace particles were introduced into the calculation in order to follow the TNT-air boundary. A Lagrangian interface of 921 particles was placed in a semi-circle to simulate the TNT-air boundary. The center of this circle was on the z-axis at an altitude of 670 meters, and the radius was 14.188 meters.

Also introduced into the calculation were 19 "test stations" where the overpressures, dynamic pressures, impulses, and velocities were calculated for each cycle. The positions of these "test stations" were chosen to coincide with experimental stations. See table I and figure 3.

The equation of state used in the SHELL calculation was that of air, the same equation of state for air as used in SAP. This equation of state was used for all regions including those regions that contained TNT.

### 3. SAP-Methane

The SAP-methane calculation was taken from 0 to 1 second. Initially 800 zones were used in the calculation. The first zone had a  $\Delta r$  of 6.4 cm, and the other 799 had  $\Delta r$  of 5.0 cm. The first 335 zones contained the methane balloon (initial radius: 16.764 meters). The initial conditions were: density— $1.07197 \times 10^{-3}$  gms/cm<sup>3</sup>, internal energy— $2.1886 \times 10^3$  ergs/gm, velocity—0. Beyond these 335 zones, the remaining zones were the ambient atmosphere (670 meters altitude).

Table I  
POSITION OF THE TEST STATIONS

Test Station	Range		Altitude	
	Meters	(Feet)	Meters	(Feet)
1	0		0	
2	7.62	(25)	0	
3	15.24	(50)	0	
4	24.38	(80)	0	
5	38.0	(125)	0	
6	50.0	(164)	0	
7	63.8	(209)	0	
8	78.0	(256)	0	
9	93.3	(306)	0	
10	26.0	(85)	2.8	
11	38.0	(125)	2.8	(9)
12	50.0	(164)	2.8	(9)
13	38.0	(125)	7.6	(25)
14	50.0	(164)	7.6	(25)
15	63.8	(209)	7.6	(25)
16	50.0	(164)	15.2	(50)
17	63.8	(209)	18.0	(59)
18	78.0	(256)	15.2	(50)
19	78.0	(256)	22.8	(75)

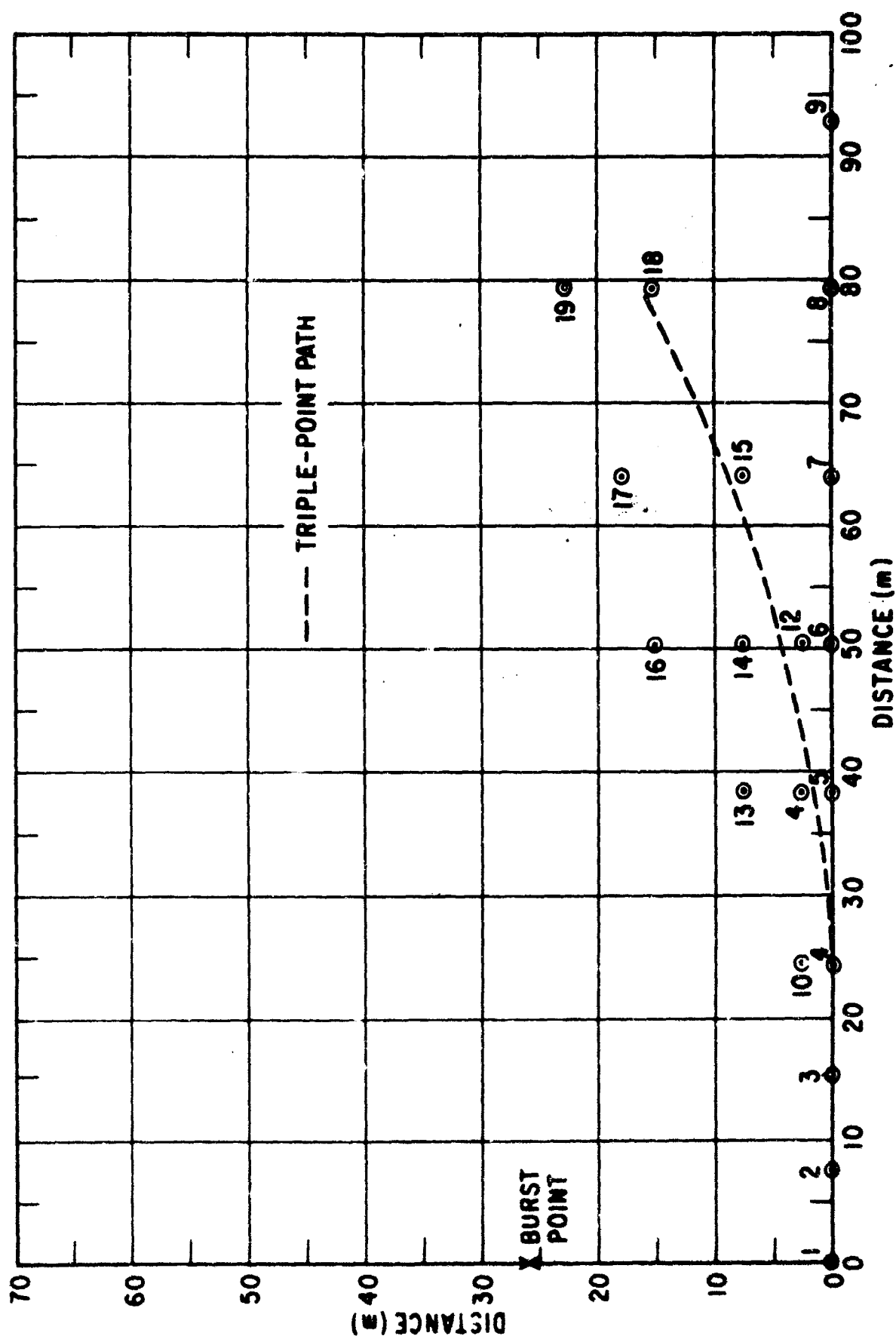


Figure 3. Position of the Test Stations.

"Burn" method 2, as described previously, was used to detonate the methane. The energy released per gram of methane-oxygen mixture detonated was  $8.01 \times 10^{10}$  ergs/gm (Ref 13). The detonation velocity calculated using "burn" method 2 was  $2.743 \times 10^5$  cm/sec, as compared to a theoretical  $2.752 \times 10^5$  cm/sec (Ref 13).

The ideal gas equation of state was used for the burned and unburned methane. For burned methane, the value of gamma used was 1.2136, while for unburned methane, the value of gamma used was 1.3986 (Ref 13).

#### 4. Methane-SHELL

SAP-methane results at 8 milliseconds were used as input to SHELL. The SAP values for density, specific internal energy, and velocity as a function of position were fitted into the two-dimensional SHELL mesh. The geometry and boundary conditions were the same for the methane calculation as for the TNT calculation previously described.

Data were entered into CLAM in two packages, each of which generated 25 particles per cell for the sole purpose of fitting the data into the SHELL mesh. The first package fitted the ambient atmosphere into the active mesh with the exception of those cells contained in a sphere whose center was on the z-axis at an altitude of 670 meters and whose radius was 20.21 meters. Into these cells, the second package fitted the SAP results of velocity, density and internal energy as a function of position at 8 milliseconds.

Again trace particles were introduced into the calculation to represent the methane-air boundary. This Lagrangian interface consisted of 921 particles placed in a semicircle whose center was on the z-axis at an altitude of 670 meters and whose radius was 17.0 meters.

"Test stations" were introduced in the methane calculation. The location of these 19 stations were the same as for the TNT run. Again overpressures, dynamic pressures, impulses and velocities were calculated each cycle at these points. See table I.

#### 5. LSZK Equation of State (Ref 12 and 14)

Landau, Stanyukovich, Zeldovich, and Kompaneets have developed an equation of state for the explosion products of a condensed explosive. They treated the highly compressed gas as a solid, likening the state of the detonation products immediately following completion of reaction, to the crystal lattice of the solid state. Further details concerning this equation of state are given in the above mentioned references.



The LSZK equation of state can be written

$$p = \frac{I_0}{\alpha} + B_0 v \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha(v-1)} \right)$$

where  $p$  = pressure in dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>

$I$  = specific internal energy in ergs/gm

$\alpha, v$  = dimensionless constants evaluated using experimental results

$B$  = constant with dimensions (ML<sup>-3</sup>)  $1 - v$  also to be evaluated from experimental results.

Lutzky (Ref 12) gives the values of the above constants for TNT as

$$= 2.9412$$

$$B/Q = 0.53562 \left( \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{cm}^3} \right)^{1-v}$$

$$v = 2.78$$

where  $Q = 1018$  calories/gm is the heat of detonation and the ideal gas value for the ratio of specific heats of the products at low densities was taken to be  $\gamma_1 = 1.34$ .

This equation of state, as used in SAP for TNT, becomes

$$p = 0.34 I_0 + 1.877 \times 10^{10} \rho^{2.78}$$

#### 6. Equation of State for Air

The SAP and SHELL equation of state for air is a fit derived by AFWL (Ref 7) from the data of reference 6. Since the codes use energy and density as the independent variables and are pure hydrocodes, the only requirement on the equation of state is pressure as a function of energy and density. It is common to consider an effective gamma, which is  $1 + P/\rho I$ . The equation of state returns  $(\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 1)$  from which is constructed the pressure. The region of interest of SAP and SHELL is chiefly molecular air and therefore the detailed equation of state is quite complicated. The present equation is a fairly complex formulation that gives all of the structure of this molecular region although not always with extremely high accuracy. The portion of the equation of state of interest in this problem is the  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^0$  density region below  $2 \times 10^{11}$  ergs/gm. In this region the fit is almost always within 5 percent with an average error of about 2 or 3 percent. It is however an interim equation and will be replaced soon by a more accurate formulation. The analytic expression of this equation of state is given below.  $I$  is specific energy in units of jerks/megagram or  $10^{10}$  ergs/gm.

$$\gamma - 1 = \left\{ 0.161 + 0.255e^{-I/4.46}f_1 + 0.280e^{-I/6.63}(1 - f_1) + 0.137e^{-I/25.5}f_2 \right. \\ \left. + 0.50f_3 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{0.5(I)} \right\}$$

$$a(I) = 0.48f_1 \log_{10} I + 0.032(1 - f_1)(1 - f_2) \log_{10} I + 0.015f_2$$

$$f_1 = \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{I - I_1}{\Delta I_1} \right] + 1 \right\}^{-1}$$

$$I_1 = 8.5 + 0.357 \ln \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)$$

$$\Delta I_1 = 0.975 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{0.05}$$

$$f_2 = \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{I_2 - I}{\Delta I_2} \right] + 1 \right\}^{-1}$$

$$I_2 = 45.0 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{0.015}$$

$$\Delta I_2 = 4.0 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{0.085}$$

$$f_3 = \left\{ \left[ \exp \left[ \frac{I_3 - I}{\Delta I_3} \right] \right] \right\}^{-1}$$

$$I_3 = 160$$

$$\Delta I_3 = 6$$

## 7. Atmospheric Model

The SHELL-OIL atmospheric model was also derived by AFWL from data contained in reference 15. To perform hydrodynamic calculations in the atmosphere, the atmosphere must be very stable, otherwise the first phase of the calculation will result in fictional vertical velocities. This condition is given by the hydrostatic equation

$$\frac{d[p(z)]}{dz} = -g(z) \rho(z)$$

The atmosphere is divided into 22 altitude groups from 0 to 700 km where the molecular temperature varies approximately linearly with altitude within each group. That is

$$T_m(z) = T_{m_0} + L(z - z_0)$$

where the subzero values refer to the base altitude of each group. Then by using the following relationships:

$$\rho(z) = \frac{M(z)p(z)}{RT(z)}$$

$$T_m(z) = \frac{M_o}{M(z)} T(z)$$

and

$$g(z) = \frac{g_o a^2}{(a+z)^2}$$

the hydrostatic equation becomes

$$-\frac{d[p(z)]}{p(z)} = \frac{g_o M_o a^2}{R} \frac{dz}{(a+z)^2 (T_{m_o} - Lz_o + Lz)}$$

where  $a$  = the radius of the earth

$g_o$  = the acceleration due to gravity at sea level

$M_o$  = the molecular weight of air at sea level

and  $R$  = the gas constant

Integration of the above between  $z$  and  $z_o$  results in the final form, which is used to interpolate pressures in an altitude group

$$\ln \frac{p}{p_o} = -\frac{g_o M_o a^2}{RL} \left\{ \left( a - \frac{T_{m_o} - Lz_o}{L} \right)^{-1} \frac{z_o - z}{(a+z)(a+z_o)} + \left( a - \frac{T_{m_o} - Lz_o}{L} \right)^{-2} \ln \left( \frac{a+z}{a+z_o} \frac{T_{m_o} - Lz_o + Lz}{T_{m_o}} \right) \right\}$$

To calculate the defining properties of the model atmosphere, the pressures at the base point of each altitude group and the molecular temperature at sea level were taken as constants. Then, starting at sea level, an iterative procedure was used to find the molecular temperature gradient,  $L$  ( $^{\circ}\text{K}/\text{cm}$ ) in the first altitude group. Using  $L$ , thus determined, the molecular temperature of the base point of the next altitude group was calculated. Then the iterative procedure was again used to determine  $L$  for the second altitude group. With this technique the defining properties for the atmospheric model stable under the  $1/R^2$  gravity field were determined. The final results are given in table II.

Table II

## DEFINING PROPERTIES OF THE AFWL STANDARD ATMOSPHERE

Altitude z (Km)	Molecular scale temperature $T_m$ ( $^{\circ}$ K)	Gradient L ( $^{\circ}$ K/cm)	Pressure p (dynes/cm <sup>2</sup> )
0.0	288.1500	$-6.492636 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.01325 \times 10^6$
11.0	216.7310	$-1.842590 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.26999 \times 10^5$
20.0	216.5652	$9.959301 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.52930 \times 10^4$
32.0	228.5163	$2.723233 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.89063 \times 10^3$
47.0	269.3648	$5.002971 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.15851 \times 10^3$
52.0	271.8663	$-2.051281 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.22283 \times 10^2$
61.0	253.4048	$-3.760658 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.96917 \times 10^2$
79.0	195.7129	$-8.818089 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.24420 \times 10^1$
90.0	176.0130	$3.986481 \times 10^{-5}$	1.64380
100.0	215.8779	$3.882785 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.00750 \times 10^{-1}$
110.0	254.7057	$1.134533 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.35440 \times 10^{-2}$
120.0	368.1590	$1.927120 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.52170 \times 10^{-2}$
150.0	946.2950	$1.803651 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.06170 \times 10^{-3}$
160.0	1126.6600	$6.716274 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.69430 \times 10^{-3}$
170.0	1193.8230	$8.753717 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.79260 \times 10^{-3}$
190.0	1368.8970	$4.047483 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.68520 \times 10^{-3}$
230.0	1530.7970	$4.605377 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.96040 \times 10^{-4}$
300.0	1853.1730	$2.825029 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.88380 \times 10^{-4}$
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## SECTION V

### RESULTS

The output of both SHELL and SAP consists of values for pressure, velocity, density, and specific internal energy for each zone, every cycle. However, these quantities are recorded on output tape at selected times only.

To present this output in the most compact form, the quantities on the output tape are processed by a separate code that generates plots of the above variables. SAP plots consist of profiles only. SHELL plots consist of histograms, contours, and velocity vectors.

The overpressures, dynamic pressures, impulses, and velocities recorded at the "test stations" were also plotted as a function of time for each station.

Following normal procedure, SHELL and SAP peak shock pressures were extrapolated to find a "best" value for these quantities. This is usually necessary since numerical methods smear the shock over several zones. The extrapolation procedures for SAP and SHELL were developed based on a comparison of results of SAP and SHELL calculations, of a 1-KT detonation at sea level with the classical Taylor solution of a strong blast wave resulting from an intense explosion. Further comparisons in both strong and weak shock regions were made with the 1959 blast curve (Ref 17), which has been accepted to represent the experimental data from a 1-KT nuclear free-air burst at sea level. It was found that SAP peak pressures should be extrapolated to that radius where the maximum artificial viscosity occurs. This procedure holds for both strong and weak shock though for strong shocks the extrapolated pressures are not significantly different from the unextrapolated ones. It was also found that SHELL peak pressures should be extrapolated to that radius corresponding to 1/2 the peak overpressure for strong shocks (above 3 atm overpressure), but for weak shocks, the actual calculated peak pressure should be taken at that radius corresponding to 1/2 the peak overpressure. See figure 4.

The above procedures were used to extrapolate SAP and SHELL peak overpressures for the methane and TNT detonations. The extrapolated overpressures are plotted vs. radius and appear in figures 5 and 6.

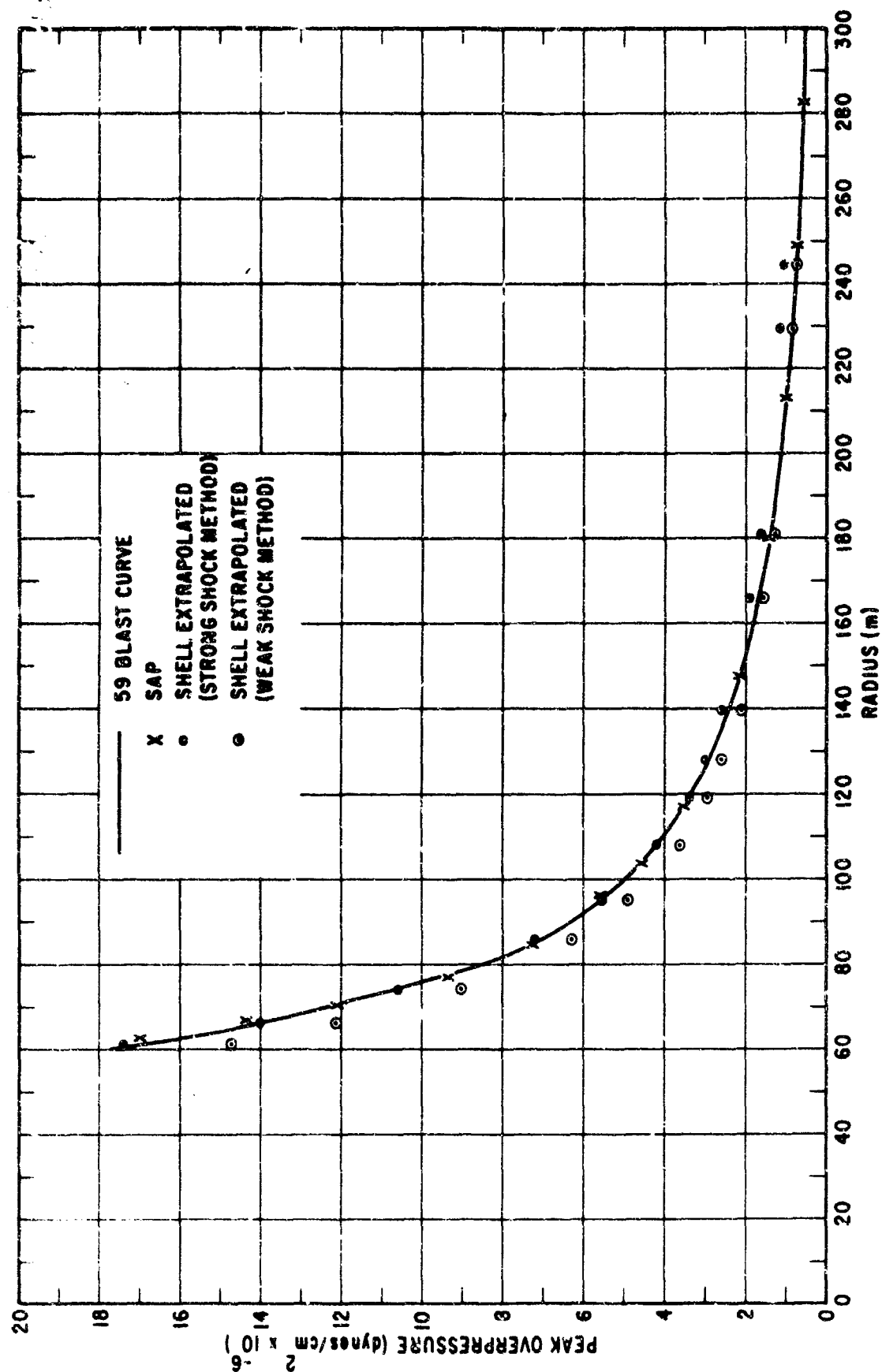


Figure 4. Results of Pressure Extrapolation.

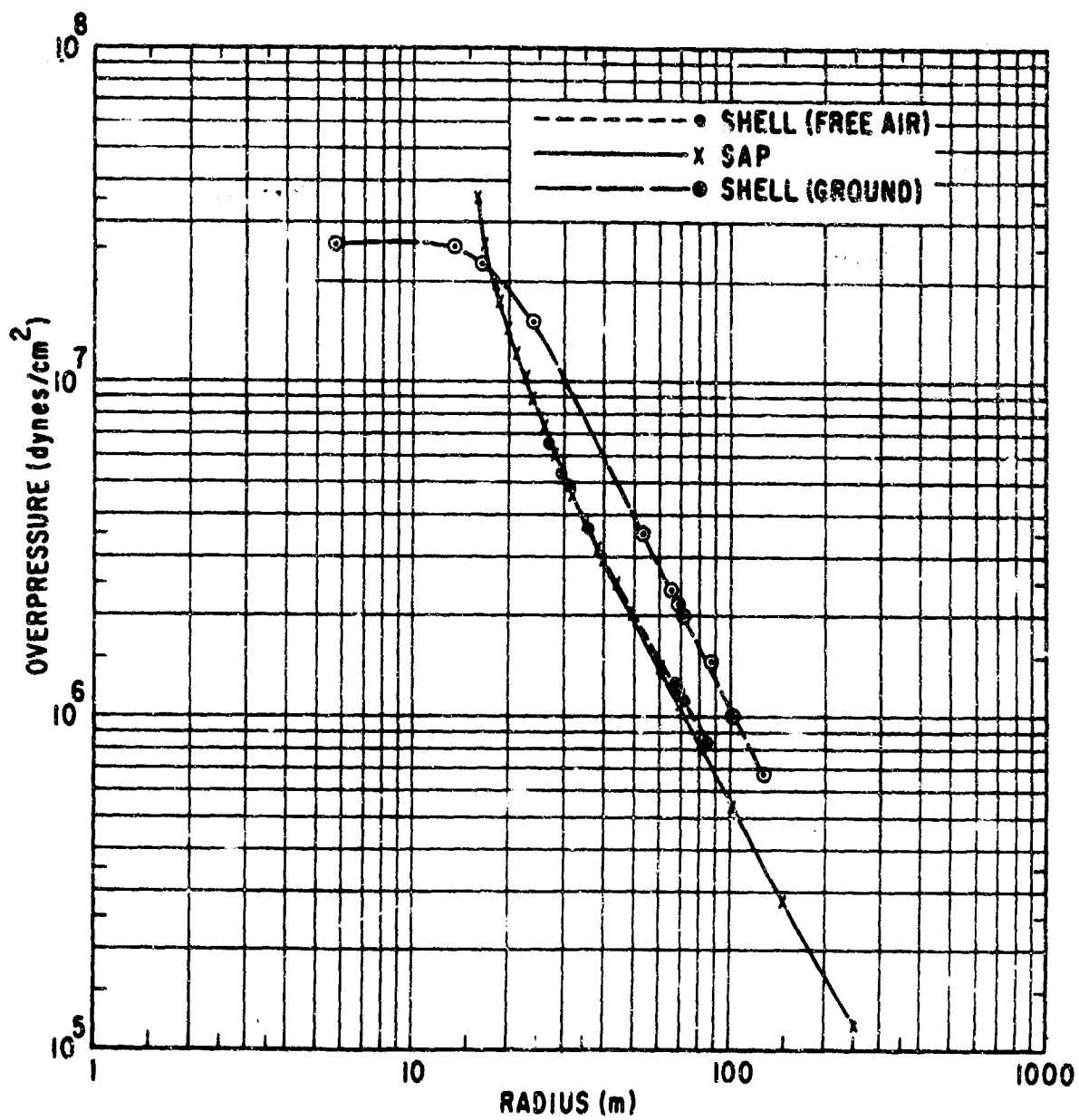


Figure 5. Methane Overpressure vs. Radius.

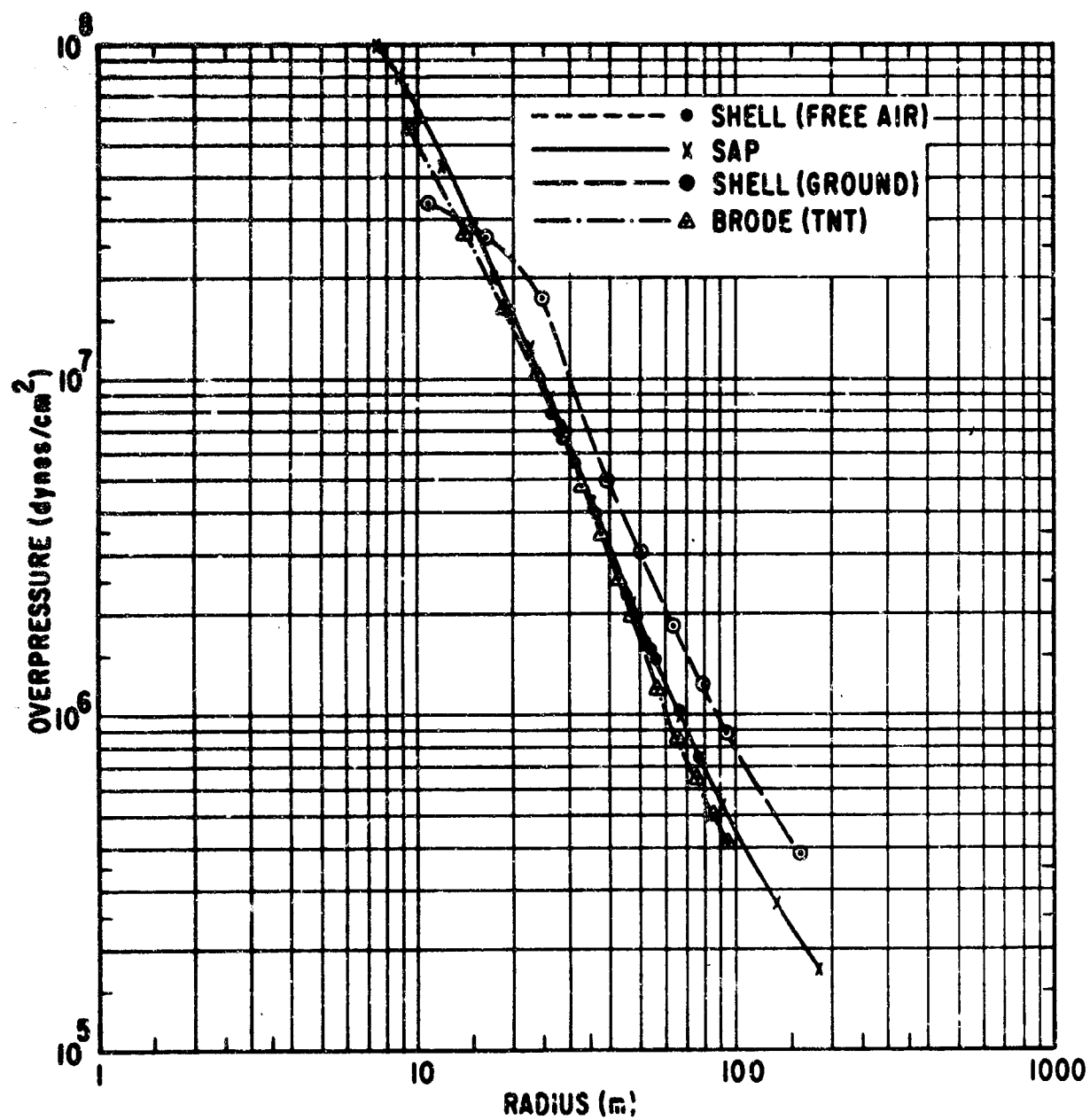


Figure 6. TNT Overpressure vs. Radius.



1. TNT

The following discussion of results of the TNT calculation applies to a scaled 20-short ton detonation.

The detonation wave in the SAP-TNT calculation reached a self-similar state very quickly with a peak pressure of  $1.83 \times 10^{11}$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>. It reached the surface of the TNT at 0.2048 milliseconds. As the shock encountered the air, free expansion commenced. The peak pressure began to drop and a rarefaction wave started into the detonation products, toward the center. Meanwhile, the free-air shock was building up. The rarefaction wave reached the center at 0.6 milliseconds. At this point, the detonation products were "cold" and much more dense than the atmosphere surrounding them. However, the detonation products had high velocities and so acted like a piston pushing the atmosphere. A second shock formed in the detonation products just inside the TNT-air interface. It had a velocity smaller than the velocity of the interface so the second shock worked its way into the detonation products. However the net motion was still outward. At 16.3 milliseconds, the kinetic energy of the detonation products had dissipated to such an extent that the second shock began to move inward towards the center.

Meanwhile the main outward moving shock as calculated by SAP, had reflected off the surface of the earth at 13.36 milliseconds, with an incident overpressure of 140 psi, and a reflected overpressure of 730 psi. SHELL shows that after the main shock has proceeded along the ground for approximately one burst height (85 feet), the mach stem begins to form.

At 34 milliseconds the second shock reflects off the center and proceeds outward. It reflects off the ground at approximately 84 milliseconds with a reflected overpressure of 19 psi. This shock is very weak and is quickly dissipated. There are also other very weak shocks which are barely discernable.

The SHELL-TNT calculation indicates reflection of the main shock at the ground at 13.6 milliseconds with a reflected peak overpressure of 720 psi (extrapolated).

An auxiliary SAP calculation was performed, using the same SAP conditions which served as input to the SHELL calculation. (These conditions were deliberately chosen at a sufficiently advanced time when the density and internal energy of the detonation products were comparable to that of air.) For this run, the equation of state for air was used in all regions: both TNT and air. The purpose of this auxiliary calculation was to see whether there would be

significant differences, at these later times, between the results of a calculation using the LSZK equation of state for the TNT zones and those from one using the equation of state for air for the TNT zones. The results of this calculation showed no discernable difference in peak pressures or arrival times. Therefore, going from a two equation of state SAP calculation to a one equation of state SHELL calculation was justified. See figure 7.

## 2. Methane

The detonation wave in the SAP-methane calculation reached a self similar state very quickly with a peak pressure of  $3.5 \times 10^7$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>. It reached the surface of the balloon at 6.3 milliseconds.

As the shock wave hit the surface of the balloon, a second shock was reflected toward the center from the relatively higher density ambient air. This shock soon dissipated and the rarefaction wave started toward the center. The rarefaction wave reached the center at 18.2 milliseconds. The rarefaction was followed by a reflected shock which reached the center at 30 ms.

Meanwhile the main outward moving shock has reflected off the ground at 14.2 milliseconds with an incident overpressure of  $7.43 \times 10^6$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup> (108 psi). For this value of incident overpressure theoretical relationships give a reflected overpressure of  $3.77 \times 10^7$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup> (550 psi).

The second shock reached the ground at 62 milliseconds with a reflected overpressure of 25 psi. This shock is very weak and quickly dissipated.

The SHELL methane calculation indicated reflection of the main shock at the ground at 14.4 milliseconds with a reflected peak overpressure of 580 psi (extrapolated). From this time on, the two-dimensional phenomenology is similar to that for the TNT.

During the methane calculations the peak overpressures for stations 5 and 6 were lost. The loss of these peaks affect only the overpressure waveform and overpressure impulse for these stations. All other parameters are unaffected. The overpressure plots which appear for these stations (5 and 6) have only those points which were dumped on output tape to replace the missing points. The appendix to this report contains summary plots of information contained in the detailed plots of Volume II.

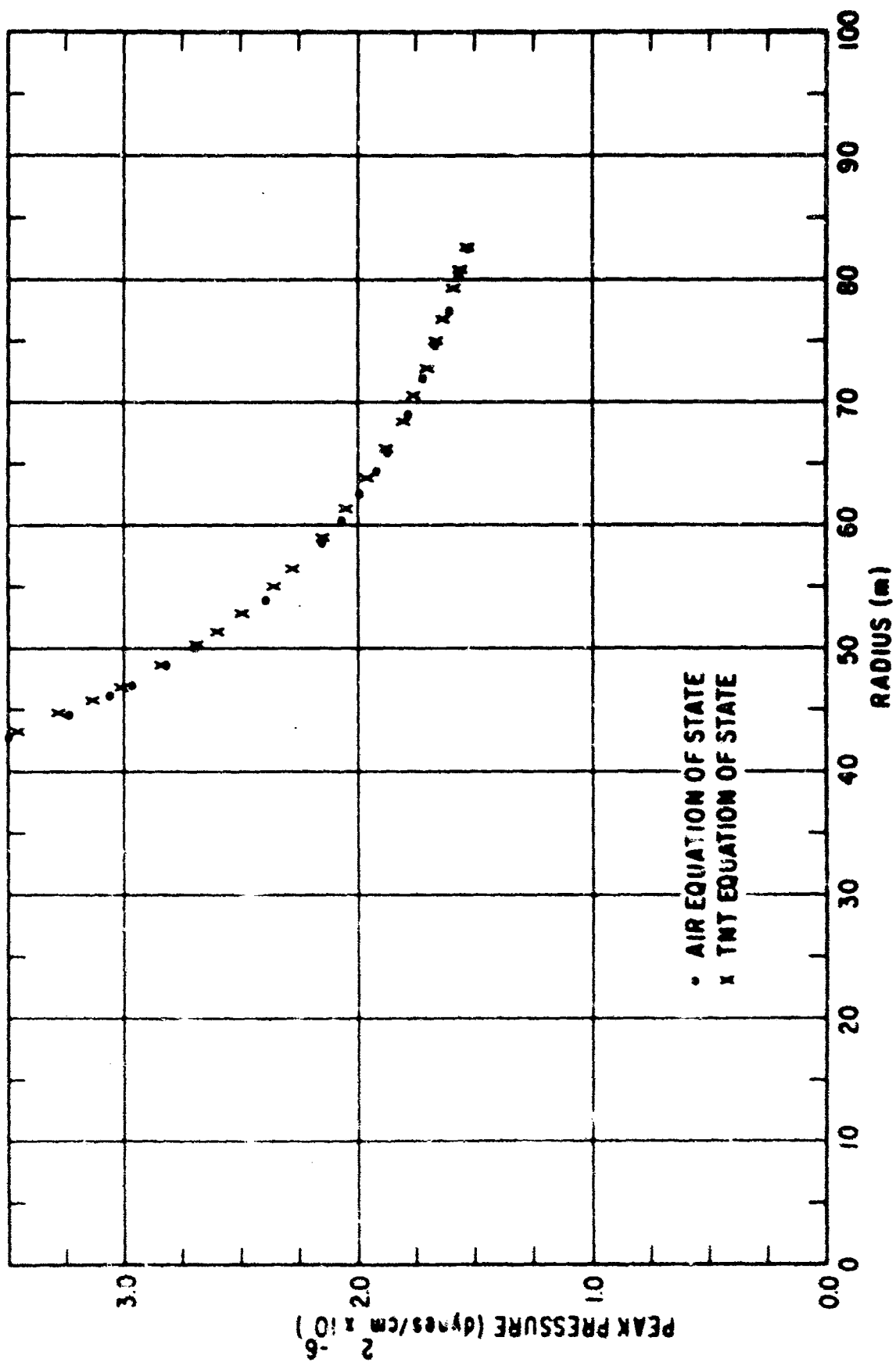


Figure 7. Comparison of Peak Pressure vs. Radius for the Equations of State for TNT and Air.

### 3. Comparison of the Methane and TNT Results

Both runs were made on identical grids, the only difference being the input conditions from the SAP calculation. In both cases an interface of trace particles was placed at the gas-air interface.

This interface brings to light the first notable difference in the calculation. The high density TNT expanding into the low density air gives rise to Taylor instabilities at the interface. These can be clearly seen on the TNT plots. Since the methane-oxygen mixture has nearly the same density as air, the above condition does not exist, and in fact is not seen in the calculation.

The overpressure for TNT at a radius of 16.8 meters is less than that for methane at the same radius. At a radius of 26 meters the TNT overpressure exceeds that of the methane. This is due to the somewhat larger kinetic energy of the TNT shock.

Although the peak pressure and peak dynamic pressure of the TNT shock are greater than that of methane to a radius of 24 meters, the impulses in both cases are larger for the methane than for TNT. This means that the shock from methane is much thicker than that of TNT.

## SECTION VI

### CONCLUSIONS

The SAP and SHELL codes have, in past calculations, reproduced the phenomenology of atmospheric blast both quantitatively and qualitatively. Results have agreed with experimental data to within 10 percent. Therefore, there is considerable confidence in the results reported here.

As can be seen in figures 8 and 9 there is agreement between SAP and SHELL overpressures, and both are from 3 percent to 20 percent higher than Brode's (Ref 16). The dynamic pressures, velocities and impulses are good to within 5 percent. The calculated arrival time for station 1 agrees with Brode's arrival time to within 2 percent.

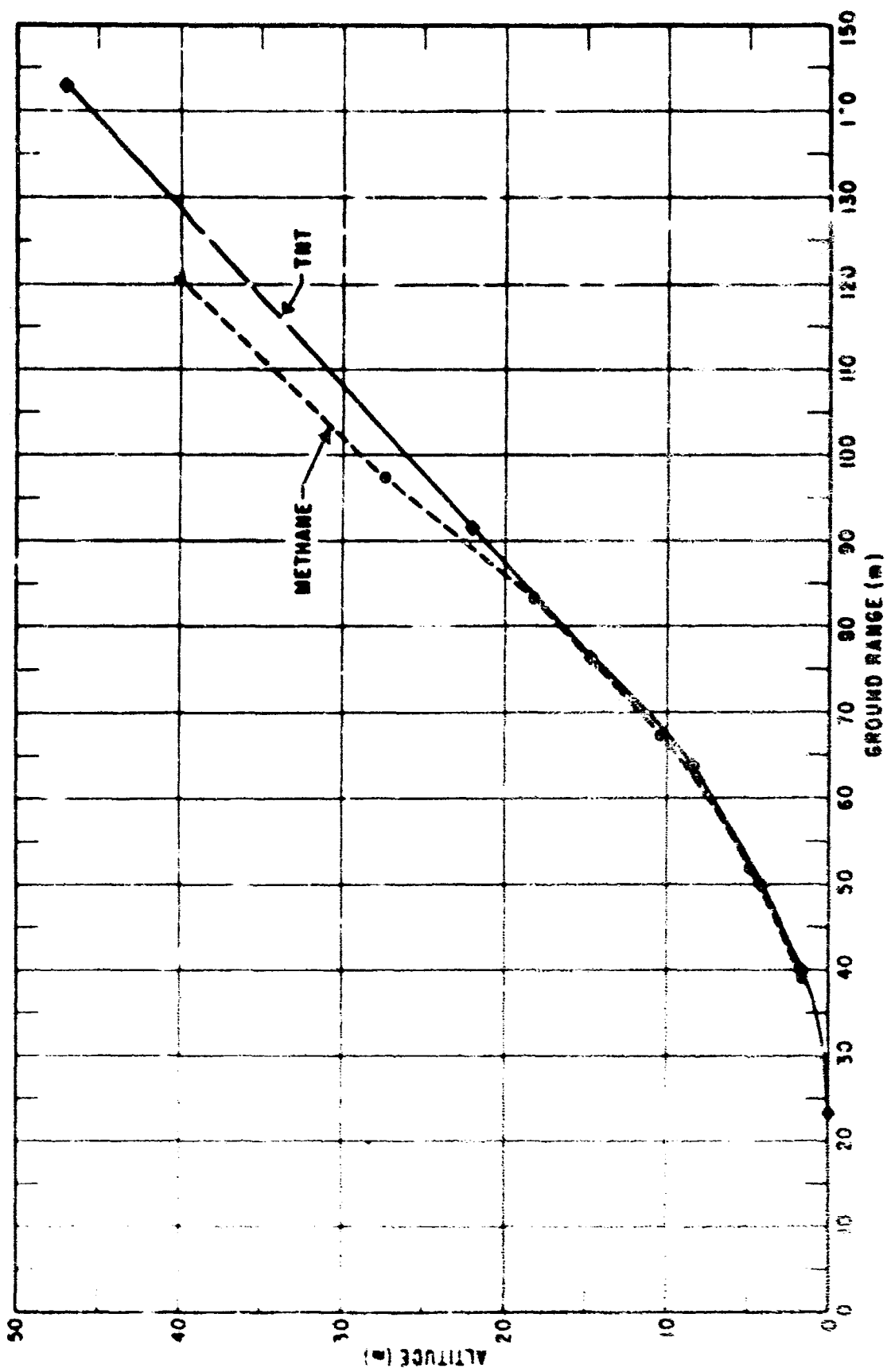


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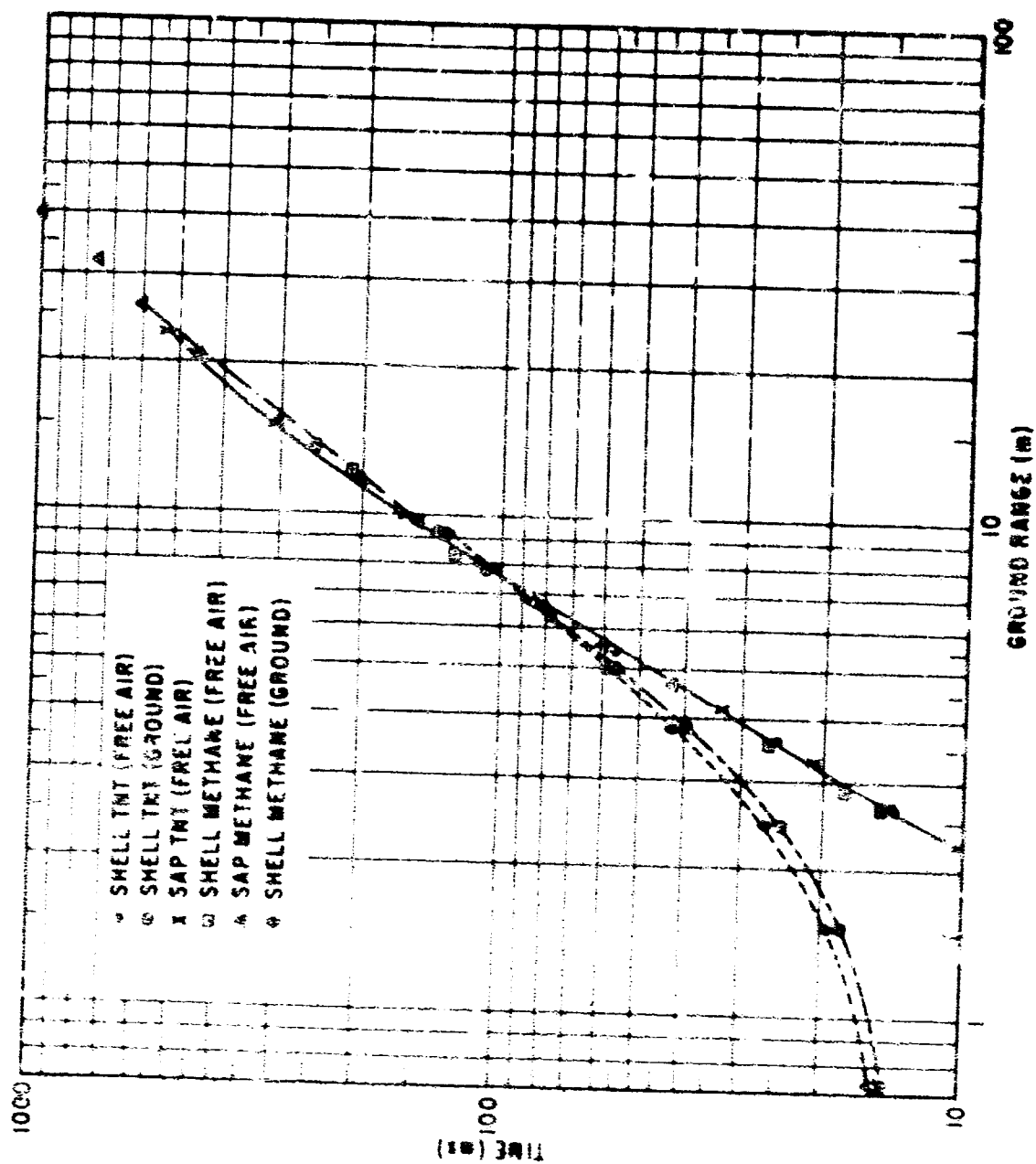


Figure 9. Arrival Time vs. Ground Range.

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APPENDIX

This appendix presents a summary of the calculation in graphical form. This information was obtained from the detailed history of the calculation contained in Volume II.

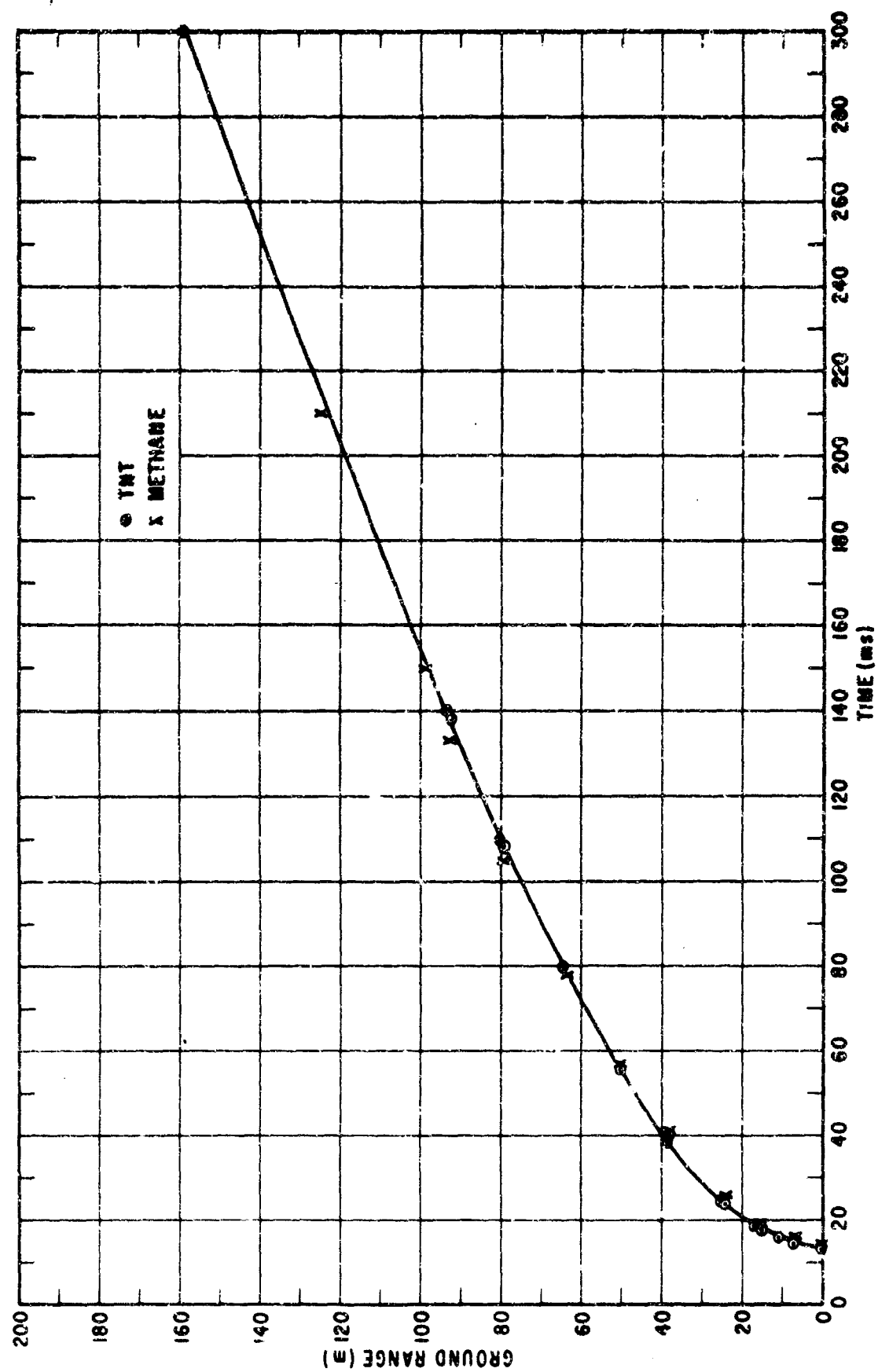


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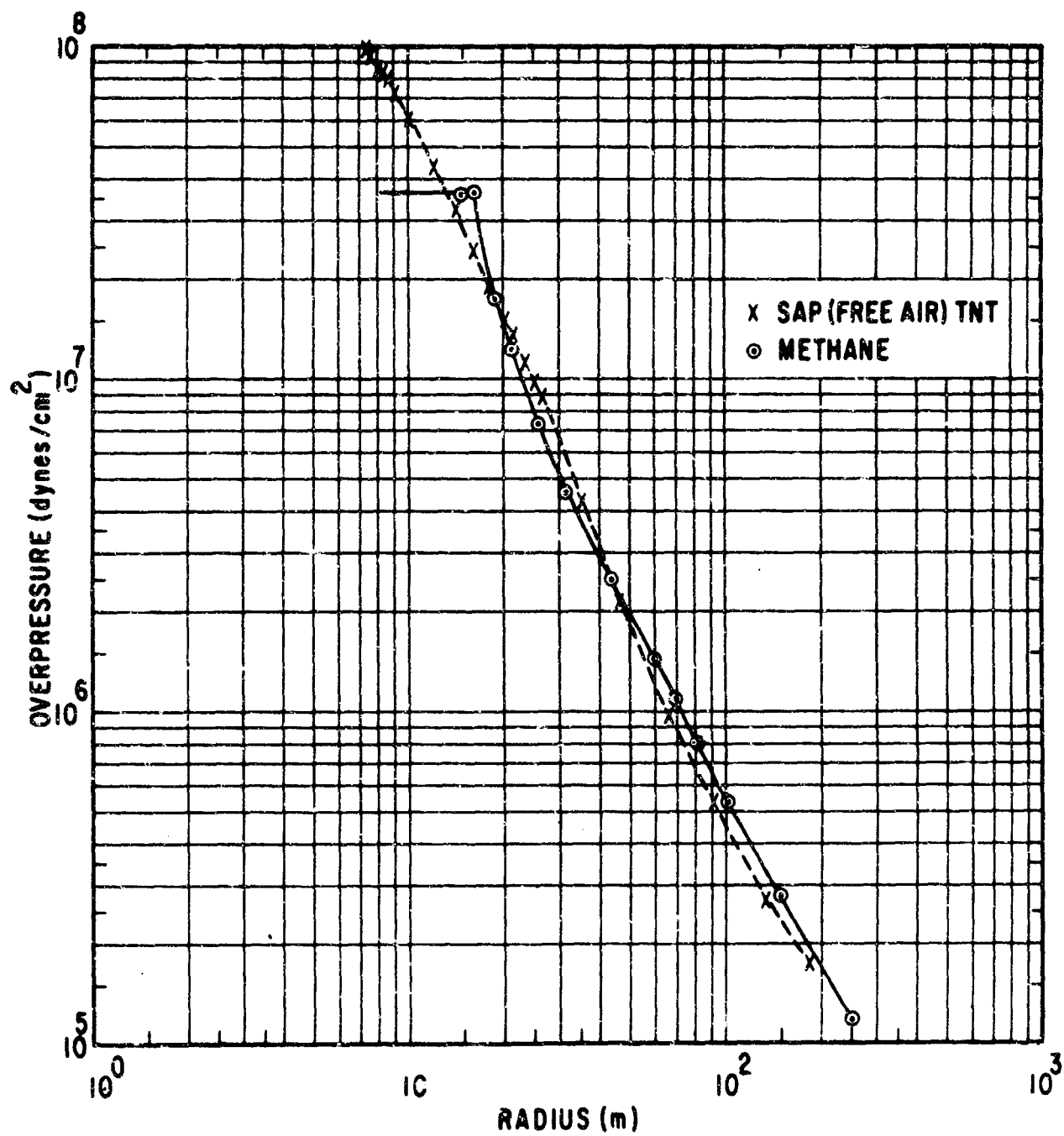


Figure 11. Methane-TNT Overpressures vs. Radius.

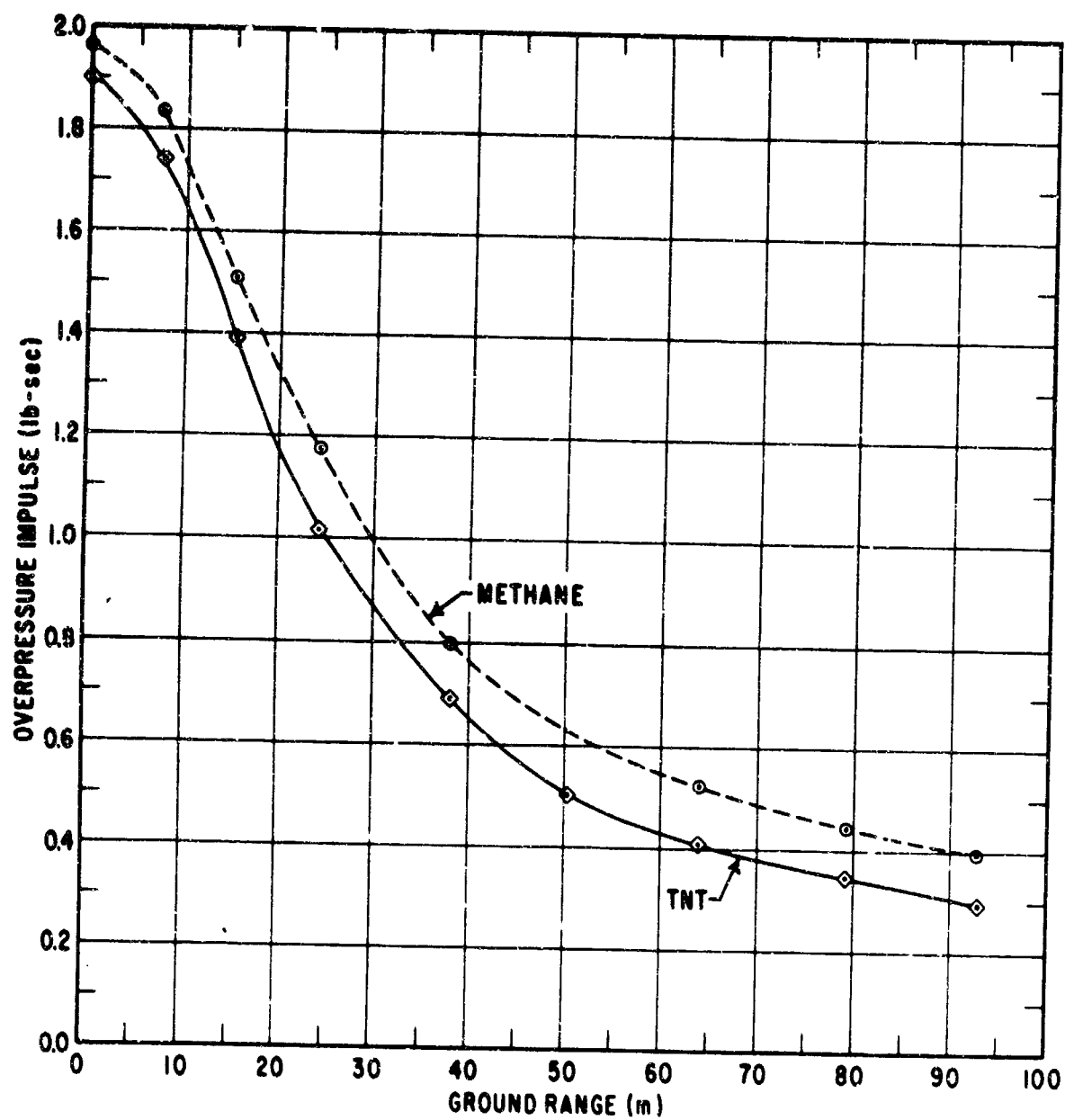


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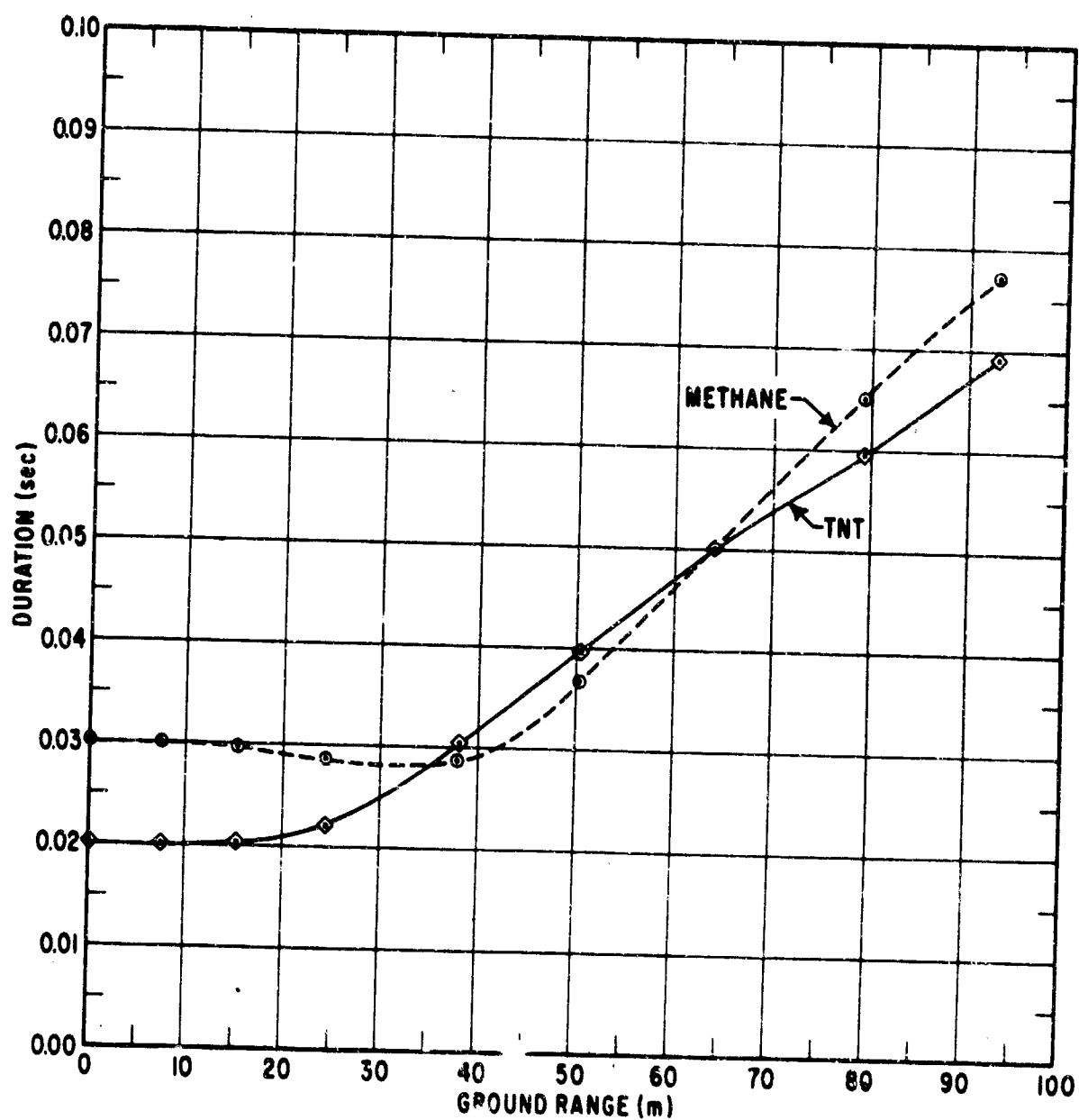


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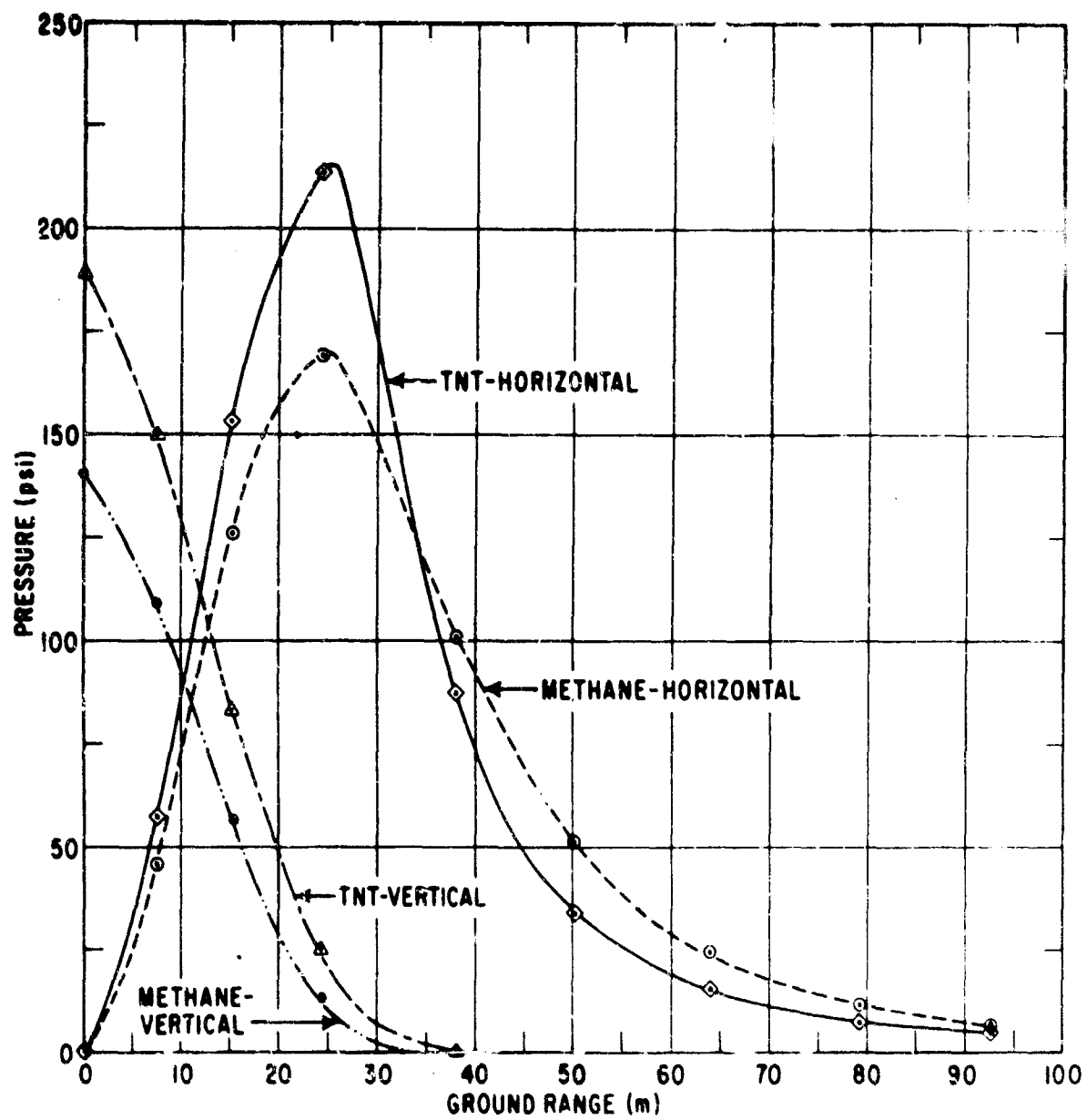


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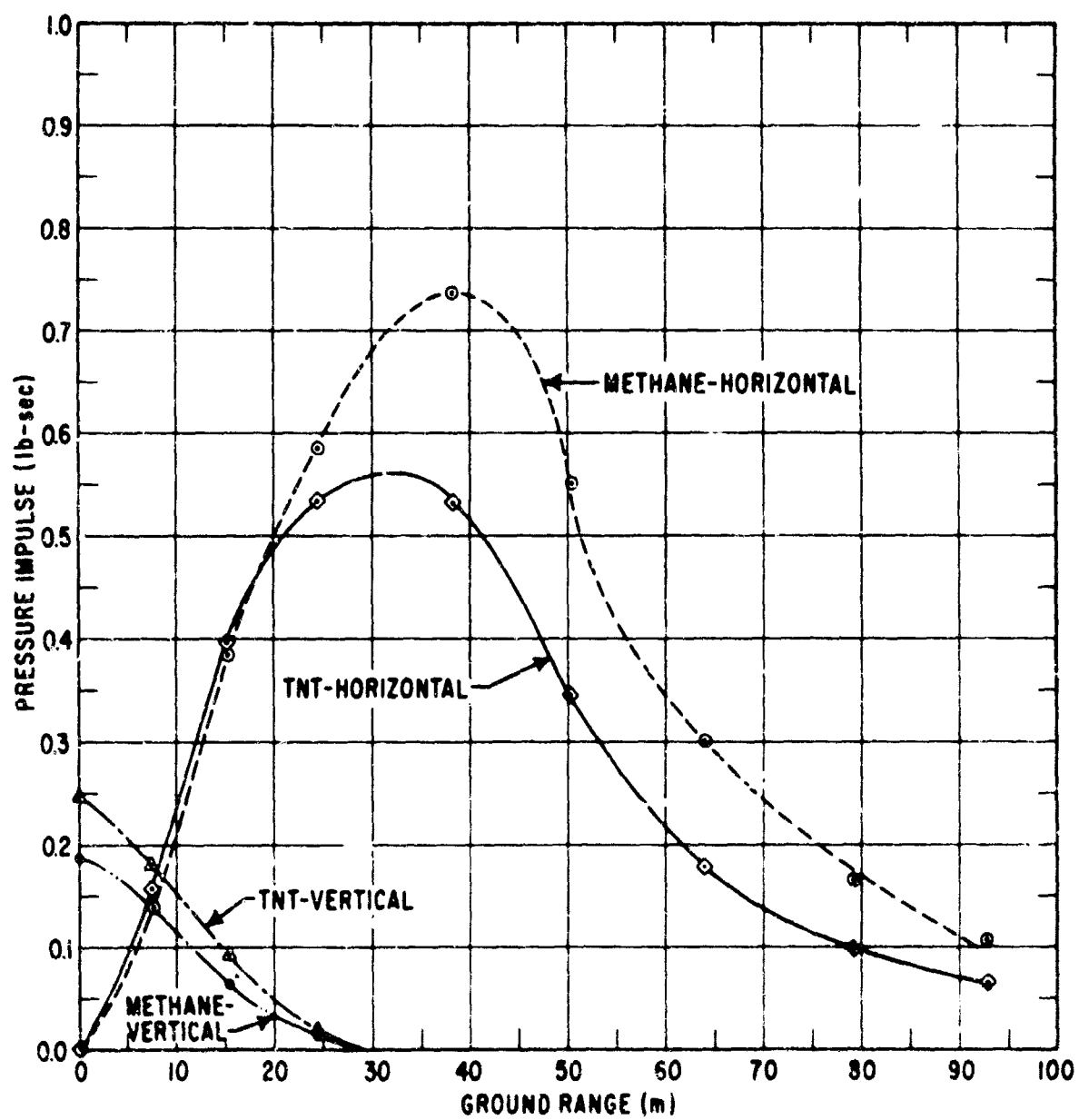


Figure 15. Dynamic Pressure Impulse vs. Ground Range.

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